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THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED THE VIRGIN, POULTRY, A.D. 1872.

THE
HISTORY OF THE
Church of St. Mildred the Virgin,
POULTRY,
IN THE CITY OF LONDON,
WITH SOME PARTICULARS OF THE CHURCH OF
ST. MARY COLECHURCH,
(*Destroyed in the Great Fire, A.D. 1666.*)

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P R E F A C E.

HAVING some time since read a paper at an evening meeting of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society, on the history of the church of St. Mildred the Virgin, Poultry—in continuation of a proposed series of papers on those churches in the city of London required to be taken down to make way for city improvements—I have been induced, from the large amount of interesting material brought to light whilst preparing that paper, to greatly extend it; and by the addition of some particulars of the church of St. Mary Colechurch, which was destroyed in the great fire of A.D. 1666, have endeavoured to render it worthy of publication in the form of a small volume.

In the following history of these two churches I have included an account of the several charities connected with and appertaining to the same; and—as will hereafter be seen—I have treated of the history of each church separately until the year 1670, at which period the benefices of the two parishes were united by Act of

Parliament. From that date unto the present time I have comprised their history under one head.

Although the church of St. Mary Colechurch is evidently the earlier foundation, still, as the structure itself no longer exists, I propose first to treat of the history of the church of St. Mildred the Virgin.

To J. W. Billinghamurst, Esq., (vestry clerk to the united parishes of St. Mildred and St. Mary Colechurch,) I am greatly indebted for his kind and courteous attentions whilst prosecuting my researches in the parish records, and for his kindness in permitting me access to the same. To Mr. J. Phillipps Emslie I am also indebted for his kindness in preparing drawings of the exterior of the church, panel of pulpit, etc., and placing the same at my disposal for the purposes of this work.

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11, *Poultry, E.C.*

1st *February*, 1872.

THE CHURCH

OF

ST. MILDRED, POULTRY.

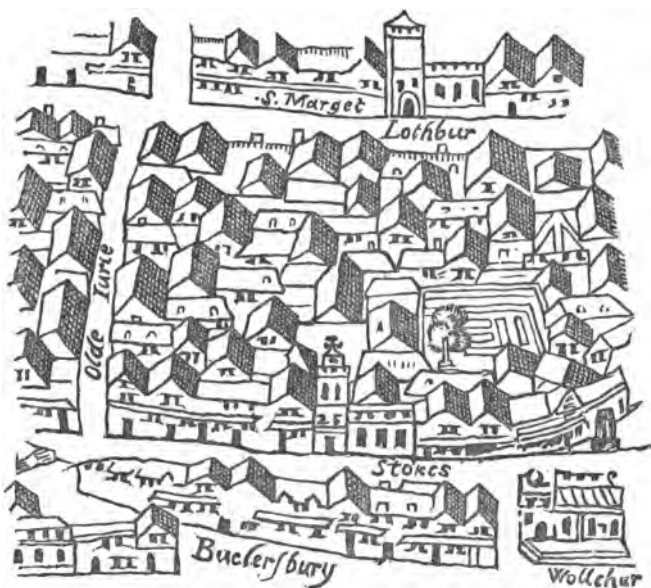
And oft, conducted by historic truth,
We tread the long extent of backward time.

Thomson.

THE Church of St. Mildred the Virgin, Poultry, (the addition of the word Poultry being requisite to distinguish it from St. Mildred the Virgin, Bread Street) stands on the north side of the Poultry, nearly opposite to the Mansion House, and at the south-west corner of St. Mildred's Court, formerly known by the name of "Scalding Alley."

The precise date of its foundation is unknown. Stowe, speaking of this church in his quaint style, says—"It beareth the Name of St. Mildred, in the Poultry, the Virgin: Which Name was given, surely for distinction, not for Superstition, for it was the Custom of the Kingdom, (and yet is,) in Building these Things for the Service of God, that the Founders called them by the Name of some Apostle, Saint, Martyr, or Confessor, as best" pleased them, "at the present time, to distinguish them from others."*

* Strype's Stowe, London, 1720, Vol. I, B. 3, p. 30.



Aggas's Map of London, made in 1560, conveys some idea of the position of the church and the property surrounding it, but being simply a sketch plan it is not to be relied on for accuracy.

To what lady the church is indebted for its name is shrouded in obscurity ; some chroniclers suggest that the St. Mildred in whose honour it is dedicated was the eldest daughter of Merwald, a son of King Penda, others that she was the daughter of Ethelbert, King of Kent,—one of the founders of St. Paul's.—Both these ladies were evidently of great sanctity, but after a careful consideration of their respective histories, I am inclined to give the former the credit of being here represented.*

* St. Mildred was one of the three daughters of the said Merwald, by Eormenburga, *alias* Domneva, a niece of King Egbert, who caused her brothers (his nephews), Etheldred and Ethelbright, to be secretly murdered

In the year 1374, John Vine, rector, by his will,* dated on Monday next after the Feast of St. Michael (29 Sept.), and proved in the Commissary Court of London, 3 Kalend July, A.D. 1375, bequeathed 13s. 4*d.* to the fabric of the church, and further “vnū antifonar notatū cū shall[†]iot † cū consuetudinar illius volum̄is ecc̄ie sc̄e Mildrede in poletria lond” in pure alms for his soul; he also bequeathed 6s. 8*d.* to every chaplain celebrating divine service in the church of St. Mildred and in the chapel of Conynghope, and to the Master Clerk of the same church 5s., and to the Minor Clerk 40*d.*

A shrine or tabernacle to the honour of St. Mildred existed in the church as late as A.D. 1500, for one “Christopher Suliok,” in his will dated the 11th of August in that year, bequeathed five marks to the gilding of the said

in the Isle of Thanet. The bodies of these princes having been buried under the king's throne in the royal palace of Estrage, the king is said to have been terrified by seeing a bright ray of light dart from the heavens upon their grave, which so affected him that he is said to have sent for Eormenburga, their sister, out of Mercia to pay her Wergild,—the fine ordained by law to be paid to the relations of the persons murdered,—and as such Wergild he settled upon her 48 ploughs of land, which she employed in founding a monastery, called Minstre, in the Isle of Thanet, about A.D. 670, in which prayers might be continually put up for the repose of the souls of the murdered princes, in this the king also aided considerably. She also sent her daughter Mildred to the Abbey of Chelles, in France, where she took the veil, and was instructed in all the duties which she would afterwards be called upon to fulfil. And upon her return, was consecrated the first Abbess of Minstre by St. Theodorus, Archbishop of Canterbury, and at the same time “received to the habit seventy chosen virgins. She behaved herself by humility as the servant of her sisters, and conducted them to virtue by the authority of her example, for all were ashamed not to imitate her watching, mortification, and prayer, and not to walk according to her spirit.” She died of a lingering and painful illness towards the close of the seventh century. In A.D. 1033 her remains were translated to the monastery of St. Austin's at Canterbury, where they were venerated and esteemed above all the other relics, and frequent miracles are said to have been wrought by them.—*Butlers Lives of the Saints*, Vol. II., pp. 251, 252.

* Principal Registry Commissary Wills. Courtney 13 b.

† Sic in original.

Tabernacle ; he also desired his body to be buried in the church.*

In early records, the church is described as the "*Ecclesia S. Mildredæ super Walbrooke, vel in Pulletria, unà cum Capella Beatæ Mariæ de Conyhop eidem annexæ.*"†

The earliest evidence of a presentation to the Rectory occurs in 1325 ; in fact this is the earliest date mentioned in connection with the church, but probably at that time it was of old foundation.

Stowe remarks that it appears from ancient evidences that it had no extent of ground sufficient for a churchyard until 8 Hen. V. (A.D. 1420), when Thomas Morsted, Alderman of London and Surgeon to King Henry IV., Henry V., and Henry VI. (and who was Sheriff of London A.D. 1436), gave unto the church a plot of ground lying between his dwelling house and the church, and situate adjoining to the church on the north side, for the purposes of a churchyard for the burial of the dead, which plot of ground contained in length from the course of the Walbrook toward the west forty-five feet, and in breadth from the church toward the north thirty-five feet.‡

The following extract from the church Register of an entry relating to this gift fortunately preserves to us the names of the Trustees connected with the gift. It occurs on the folio of Register which contains the year 1557 :—

"A note concerning Morsted's Gift An^o Dni 1420

John Rothwell Parson of the Parishe Church of Saynt Mildred in the Poultree London Willm Otes Mercer, John waltham Brasier and Hugh Game Pewterer prish^{urs} ioyned wth the Parson in the gifte above mentioned called Morsted's Gyfte"

Not long after this gift had been made, some one of a religious temperament and charitable disposition erected

* Strype's Stowe, London, 1720, Vol. I., B. 3, p. 30.

† Newcourt's Repertorium, Vol. I., p. 500.

‡ Strype's Stowe, London, 1720, Vol. I., B. 3, p. 30, & Church Register.

upon the west side of the churchyard on "Posts and Pillars, with Cloysters underneath," a parsonage-house or dwelling for the use of the rectors of the church, and on the east side four chambers called the Priest's Chambers, but which latter, Stowe says had been converted into a tenement or dwelling house (commonly called Hasledens House*), and was in his time demised at a yearly rent; he also says—"the Church Yard is much abridged, and of late foully defaced, and the Light of the said Parsonage hindered, by addition of pieces to the said ancient Chambers, which ought not to be."†

The first church having become very much decayed, it was taken down, and the re-building was commenced about A.D. 1456, in which year Robert Snell and John King were churchwardens, and continued to hold that office until the end of A.D. 1467. Towards the expense of the rebuilding John Saxton, then rector, gave 32*l.* towards the cost of the new choir, which is described as standing "upon the Course of Walbrook;" and later Richard Bowyer, rector of the church, gave 6*l.* 15*s.* towards the works.‡

Of the ancient edifice existing prior to the re-building, as above-mentioned no record remains, and respecting the church as rebuilt and standing prior to the Great Fire in 1666, but little information is recoverable except the description handed down to us by Stowe.

From the Inventory of church goods taken 6 Edward VI.,§ it appears that the church possessed three great bells, a saint's bell, and a small sacristan's bell, and likewise a pair of organs; it also appears from the latter portion of this very interesting account of the church goods, that

* Church Register.

† Strype's Stowe, London, 1720, Vol. I., B. 3., p. 30.

‡ Ibid., Vol. I., B. 3., p. 31.

§ Public Record Office, Augmentation Office, Roll marked A() 19873

sundry repairs, alterations, and improvements had been effected in the interior at a cost of 91*l.* 11*s.* 0*d.*, which was a large sum at this period, and shows that the work was of an extensive character.

This inventory or return was made pursuant to an order of the Commissioners appointed to seize church goods, and—as will be seen by the following copy—recites the description of the vestments, ornaments, &c., then existing, also a list of those which had been sold at divers times, and how the money received for the same had been expended:—

Poch Sanct Mildred in Pulletr Ward de Chepe.*

london ff 1. Edwarde lane } Churchewardeyns there Doe presente
and Thomas Bolte nowe } vnto Sir Richard Dobbes Knighte lorde
Maior and other our (Souereigne) lorde the Kinge Cõmissioners
assigned to take the Surveighe of all the Curche Gooddes
Plate and (Ornamentē) within the saide Citie of london by
this our Certificate That Richard Wadingtoon & Henry Mylles
were Churchewardeyns (of the Curche) foresaide in the ffirste
yere of our saide Souereigne lorde the Kinge Reigne.

Thornamentē plate & } 2. Itm. there ys nowe vnder custodye of the
Bellis that nowe ys } aforenamid Thomas Bolte remeyninge in
the Curche.

ffirst ij Standinge Cuppes for the Cõmunion with theirs Patenttē
Gylte p oz lxiiij oz.

Itm. a Crismatorie of Siluer pcel gylte p oz xvij oz di.

Itm. ij latten Candelstycke & ij Tynne Basons.

Itm. iij olde vestmentē on of olde Redde broken Sarcenet, Thother
ij of Grene Dornyxe noughte.

Itm. v olde Torne Copes, That ys to wytte One of Red Bawdkyn
fret with golde lyons, Thorpherey being olde ymbroderyd
Pageauntē.

Itm. on other of olde blewe Chamblette fret with duskyshe floures,
Thorphraye also of pageantē olde.

* Public Record Office, Church Goods Augmentation Office, A O 19873.

- Itm. ij olde whyte Clothe of Bawdkyn Copes hauinge Grene Orphereys, And One olde white Cope of Tewke Thorphereye beinge Tawny ouerfret wyth floure de lucies.
- Itm. iij Hearce Cloathes, Thon of panyd Crymsen Satten t golde, Thother of darke Crymsen brudges Satten Broderid blew for men, And the Thyrdde of lyeke Satten lyon Colour for Children.
- Itm. an olde Palle of cloth of Baudekyn for the pulpet, And iij Corporas Casis of Silke t Golde.
- Itm. iij Towell t v Alter clothes of olde co'se Dyaper.
- Itm. xij Albes with theire headeclottes t x Surplesis for men and Children of olde lynnyn Clothe.
- Itm. on peyre of Smalle Organnes.
- Itm. in the Stepille iij grete Bell t and one sance Belle with A smalle Sacringe Belle.
- Itm. A Bible of the grete volume, A Paraphrasis vpon gospell t other seruice bokes in Englyshe.
3. Itm. as touchinge the delyuery of Counterpanes or Transcriptes of eny other our Churches Goodes Plate or Ornament t supposed to be founde withe Officers of the late Bishop of london or ell t wheare as in tharticles by you to vs sent ys menconyd We certife you that (hauinge moste diligentely therefore searchyd) we can fynde none whereof to make Certificate.
4. lastlye we also testife that sithens the said first yere of oure Soſeigne lorde the king t Maties Reigne that is to wyt the xxiiijth Daye of Aprell 1550 Aswell

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		one Sencer t Twoe Basones	
		pell Gylte All weyenge	

Vnto one Robert ffrour Goldesmyth the byer As also certaigne Copes vestiment t t other Ornament t the Number certaigne beinge to us vnknowne Vnto one Richard Souche Robert Austen Thomas Sares & other lieke byers at the apointement t t concente of the whole Parishes for the Sm^a C xljti xjd By Dauyd Wylkensoon t Blase Whyte then Churchwardeyns to the Churches vse was Solde Whiche cominge aswell to thand t of the saide Dauyd t Blase As to Thomas Sares Thomas Thomlynsoon t vs nowe Churchwardaignes by thappointement t t concent also of the same Parishes hauinge employed t bestowed the same.

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p me Edward lane
p me thomas bolt

In A.D. 1592, the churchyard, parsonage house, and tenements formerly called the Priest's Chambers, through the information of the late tenant—one John Haselden—were deemed to be “concealed lands,” and were in consequence very near becoming lost to the parish, the premises having been (with other properties) granted by the queen, on the petition of Edward Dier,* esquire, to William Tipper and Robert Dawe, of London, gentlemen, by her letters patent, dated the 30th March in that year.† The said William Tipper and Robert Dawe, by a deed bearing date the 16

* In 30 Elizabeth, A.D. 1588, this Edward Dyer had a grant by letters patent, dated 30 March, of all lands belonging to any Abbey, Monastery, Nunnery, etc., which were, or had been concealed from the Queen's Majesty or her progenitors, before the 20th day of November in the first year of her reign, Pat. Roll, 30 Eliz., p. 17, m. 12.

† Public Record Office, Pat. Roll, 34 Eliz., part 4, m. 21 et seq.

March, 35 Elizabeth, A.D. 1593, conveyed the said premises to Richard Hale, Robert Gittens, fishmonger, Robert Tudnam, grocer, and Tronyon Shortus, ironmonger, then parishioners of the parish of St. Mildred and their heirs and assigns. In this deed the premises are described and set forth as being a messuage and tenement with appurtenances situate in the parish of St. Mildred Poultry. "Wherein Thomas Sorocolde Clarke Rector of the Church of the same parish then and yett dwelleth And all those mesuage roomethes and tenemente then or late in the several tenures or occupacions of John Haselden and Elizabeth Jken widowe scituate in the same parish And all that parcell of grounde or lande lyeinge within the Gate of Scaldinge house otherwyes called Scoldinge wike otherwaies called Scaldinge Alley." Which piece of land is further described as the church-yard and cloister, and to contain in length from the east corner of the church "vnto the dyke called Walbrooke dyke," towards the west 45 feet, and in breadth from the church on the south part unto a messuage sometime Thomas Morsted's also of Thomas Colrich and of Richard Freepars and "afore" of Stephen Spelman, citizen and mercer of London, on the north part 35 feet, and to be held to the proper use and behoof of the said Richard Hale, Robert Gittens, Robert Tudnam, and Tronyon Shortus, for ever; the same to be held of the queen as of her manor of East Greenwich, in free and common socage, yielding therefor annually 6*d.*, in equal portions at Michaelmas and Easter.

In Trinity term, 36 Elizabeth, A.D. 1594,* a suit was instituted in the Exchequer by Thomas Sorocold, rector of St. Mildred, and William Ramsey and John Hudson, of the same parish, by which they succeeded in proving that the said premises were not concealed lands. The trial by *nisi*

* Public Record Office Memoranda Roll, Queen's Remembrancer Department of the Exchequer, Trin. term, 36 Eliz., rot. 119.

prius was held at Guildhall, and the jury was laid in Cheapside.

Although no mention is made in the said deed of conveyance, of the parties named acting as trustees of the property for the parish, it is clear such must have been the intent, and it is confirmed by the fact, that in 4 James I., A.D. 1606, Richard Hale—described as a citizen and grocer, of London—being the only survivor of the four persons above named, by deed, dated the 5 December in the same year,* granted and conveyed to John Hodgeson, William Singleton the elder, William Besse, Daniel Wynche, Alexander Coxe, Thomas Carter, Richard Rudd, Richard Ware, John Kirbye, and Richard Bornebye, citizens of London, and parishioners of the parish of St. Mildred, the whole of the premises before recited, subject to the like conditions, and yearly rent of 6*d.*, describing that portion formerly occupied by John Haselden and Elizabeth Jken, widow, to be then occupied by John Walters, Edward Smyth and William Bowyer.

The insertion of the latter name in the deed, appears to have been an error, as the cellar under the chancel of the church, forming the occupation of the said William Bowyer, was then held by him by virtue of a devise from the rector, Thomas Sorocold, to William Crosse, vintner, dated 21 Jan., A.D. 1600.†

From the foregoing I presume it may be inferred, that, at the time the premises were sold as concealed lands, they were purchased and held in trust by the four parishioners for the use of the church, and that after they were proved not to be liable to confiscation, the said trustees continued to hold them under the said deed of conveyance, as I find it further mentioned in the church register, that in all the before-mentioned alterations and alienations the parson en-

* Public Record Office Rot. Claus 4, Jac. 1, part 29.

† *Vide* Church Register.

joyed his parsonage house free from rent, and that he and the churchwardens only from time to time devised the tene-ment over against the said parsonage house to the use of the church and parish.

Stowe describes the roof of the church as decorated with the arms of Thomas Aschehull, one of the churchwardens, who lent a large sum of money towards the rebuilding, and who was buried in the South Chapel, in the east window of which chapel his arms are also said to have existed.

He also mentions the great east window as containing the arms of divers families, among which were those of Lovel and Pury, quartered, and the arms of Richard Keston as benefactors.*

In A.D. 1626, the church again underwent extensive repair at a cost of above 183*l.* : George Besse and Thomas Brownel then being churchwardens.

To Stowe, and his continuators we are indebted for the names of several persons buried in the church anterior to the establishment of the registers, and also for the preservation of some of the monumental inscriptions existing prior to its destruction by fire in A.D. 1666.†

The earliest recorded burial is that of John Hyldy, citizen and poulterer, A.D. 1416.

Here also was buried John Saxton, rector of the parish at the time the church was rebuilt, but unfortunately the date is lost. His epitaph ran as follows:—

Hanc subtus speciem corpus jacet ecce Johannis
Saxton qui fuerat vocitatus ejus in Annis :
Hunc qui plasmavit de terra, suppeditavit,
Nunc Pater & Flamen sibi dent cum Prole locamen,
Qui obiit.....die Mens.....
Anno 14.....Cujus, &c.]

In addition to which there were also the tombs of John Kendall, A.D. 1468 ; John Garland, A.D. 1476 ; Robert

* Styrpe's Stowe, London, 1720, Vol. I., B. 3, p. 31.

† *Ibid.*, Vol. I., B. 3, pp. 31—32.

Dreyton, citizen and skinner, A.D. 1484 ; Robert Bois, citizen and poulterer, A.D. 1485 ; Simon Lee, citizen and poulterer, A.D. 1487 ; Thomas Lee, gentleman, of..... in the county of Essex ; William Hablingridge ; Christopher Feliocke, A.D. 1494.

Stowe also mentions this as the place of burial of Richard Shore, citizen, and alderman of the ward of Farringdon Without, and Sheriff in 1505 ; possibly this is an error, for I find by his will,* dated 14 August, 1510, and proved the 3rd September following, that he desires to be buried in the church of St. Mary of Woolchurchhawe, at the foot of the grave where his mother lay buried ; and among other bequests he says :—"J bequeth toward the making of A porche to the pisshe church of seynt Mildrede in the Pultry of London xv ti sterl And J will that on either side of thesaid porche of seynt Mildrede churche shalbe made an ymage of seynt Cristofer in stone enbossid."

John Christopherson, Doctor of Physic, A.D. 1524 ; William Turner, citizen and skinner, A.D. 1536.

"Cutberd Beechar" was also buried in the church, 17 October, A.D. 1540.† By his will ‡ dated the 18 July, 1537, 29 Hen. VIII., in which he describes himself as citizen and draper, he desired "to be buryed wⁱⁿ the churche of sainte myldredes in the poultry." and bequeathed to the high altar of the said church for his tithes and oblations forgotten or negligently withholden 6s. 8d. sterling ; he also bequeathed 26l. sterling to be given in bread to thirteen "pore honnest housholders," to be chosen by his executors, "suche as they shall thincke by theire discretion that hathe moste neade of suche Almes or charytie dwellinge wⁱⁿ the paryshe of saint Myldreddes in the poultry in london in the w^{ch} pishe," he says, "J doo nowe dwell,"

* Principal Registry, Bennet 31.

† *Vide* Church Register.

‡ Principal Registry, Alenger 36.

“that euery Sounday in the yere that therbe delyueride vnto theym xij penny worthe of wheton breade of london bakinge” viz., “xij penny wheatin loves w^t the vauntage for xij*d*,” and he further wills “that the saide xij penny wheatin loves shalbe brought to the forsaide pishe church of saint myldredde in the poultrei And there ymediatly after that the highe masse is don there to be delyueride to eche of the forsaide xij pore people at the vestery dore one penny loffe so that euery one of the saide pore people haue one penny loffe And ymediatly after the saide pore people have Receiude theyre breade,” “they shall goo all xij of theyme before the highe Aulter and there to knele before the blessid Sacrament of the Aulter and there to say three paternosters iij Avemarys and one Creade in the honno^r of that blessid Sacrament of thaulter and to pray to god to haue marcy on my soule and for all the soules that J wolde haue prayde for and for all xpeñ soules;” “and so contynue the sayde almes till tenne yeres be fully past for the saide almes is euery yere lijs.” This Cutbert Beechar was one of the executors of Sir John Milbourne, (Lord Mayor in 1521,) and to whose relict he bequeaths “iiij yardes of black clothe of tenne shillinges the yarde for agowne,” and “to S^r Gylbert Milbourne maister Milbourne’s sonne fyve yards of rossett of vjs. a yarde for to make hym an Abye.”

Blase White, citizen and grocer, buried 23 August, A.D. 1558;* and Thomas Hobson, bachelor, citizen, and haberdasher, buried 22 November, A.D. 1559.

Here also, in 1580 was buried, Thomas Tusser,† the author of a book entitled “Five hundred points of good Husbandry;” to which allusion was made in the epitaph on his grave stone in the chancel.

* *Vide* Church Register.

† Tusser—whose memory is rendered particularly noteworthy by his authorship of the before-mentioned book, which was universally known and read in its time, and even now deemed worthy of perusal—was born at Rivenhall in the county of Essex; he was educated first as a chorister at

Here Thomas Tusser, clad in Earth doth lie,
 That sometime made the Points of Husbandrie :
 By him then learn thou maist ; here learne we must,

Wallingford Castle and St. Paul's ; then under the celebrated Nicholas Udall, at Eton, and lastly at Trinity Hall, Cambridge ; after which he was received into the family of Lord Paget, and resided for several years at Court with his patron, until, as he himself tells us,

“ When court 'gan frown, and strife in town,
 And lords and knights saw heavey sights,
 Then took I wife, and led my life
 In Suffolk soil :—”

Katwade, on the river Stour was the place of his retirement, where he married, and commenced farming. In his choice of a partner he appears to have been fortunate, and he always mentions her in terms of approbation and respect. Her ill health, however, obliged him to remove near the sea ; and he took up his residence at Ipswich where he met with “ honest men” and “ much friendship,” but his wife dying, he removed into Norfolk, where he again married. He next lived at West Dirram, where he received great kindness and attention from Sir Richard Southwell. At the death of his patron, Sir Richard, he removed to Norwich, but afterwards through an illness, requiring change of air, he went to reside at Fairsted in the county of Essex, where he became Tithe farmer, but finding his new employment both unpleasant and unprofitable he removed—

“ To London straight, to hope and wait—
 For better chance.”

But fortune's smile was not for him or his undertakings ; and in 1575, in consequence of the plague raging with great violence, he was compelled to quit the metropolis. He retired to Cambridge a second time, and found refuge in his old Hall of Trinity, which he commends as the

“ College best of all the rest.”

In all his undertakings he appears to have been more the victim of misfortune than extravagant, for though possessing a good theoretical knowledge of his profession, he was uniformly unsuccessful. His cultivated mind could ill conform itself to the society of the farmers and country squires of his time, neither was the position of a bailiff compatible with the generous spirit of the gentleman, and his desire to improve and forward his favorite theories drew him into speculations which at last became his ruin, and he died a prisoner in the Poultry Compter, being, as the register of his burial describes, about 64 years of age, and was buried in the chancel of this church the 9th May, 1580. He first published his book on husbandry in a compressed form in 1557, entitled “ A hundreth good points of Husbandrie.” This he enlarged and corrected in 1573, under its present title, “ Five hundred points,” which passed through several editions, the best of which are the quarto editions of 1580 and 1585.—*Gentleman's Magazine*, vol. 82, part 1, pp. 435, 436.

When all is done, we sleepe, and turne to dust :
And yet, through Christ, to Heaven we hope to goe ;
Who reades his bookes, shall finde his faith was so.

William Hobson, citizen and haberdasher, buried 22 January, A.D. 1581.*

On the wall of the north aisle of the church, was a monument bearing an inscription to the memory of Susan Lewen, daughter of Thomas Lewen, of Broxbourne in co. Hertford, who married first John Palmer, by whom she had issue only one son, which husband died A.D. 1589 : the inscription further stated that after some years she married John Kirby, citizen and merchant taylor of the parish of St. Mildred, by whom she had four sons and eight daughters, and departed this life the 20th September, A.D. 1624.

On a pillar in the chancel, towards the south, was the monument of Thomas Iken, citizen and skinner, buried 13 March, A.D. 1590 ; with this epitaph :—

In Hodnet and London God blessed my life,
Till forty and sixe yeeres, with children and wife ;
And God will raise me up to life againe,
Therefore have I thought my death no paine.

Thomas Iken, qui obiit 10 die Martii, 1590.

Also,

In this Chancel lyeth the body of Thomas Iken, Citizen and Skinner of London, who was borne in Hodnet in the County of Salope ; and had to Wife Elizabeth the Daughter of Roger Smith of Newport-Pagnell in the County of Buckingham : by whom he had six Sonnes and eight Daughters ; Which Thomas departed this life the tenth day of March, Anno Dom. 1590.

Stowe further mentions two tombs of marble as remaining on the north side of the churchyard, to whose memory it was not known, except by tradition that they were the tombs of Thomas Moushampe, or Muschampe, and William Brothers, dating about A.D. 1547. On reference to the will

* *Vide* Church Register.

of Thomas Muschampe, citizen and mercer, of London, proved at Lambeth, 6 May, 1472, although he appears to have possessed property in the parish of St. Mildred, he desires to be buried in the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Milk-street, therefore it is not probable that he was buried in this church; but in confirmation of the latter I find an entry in the Register of the burial of William "Brothurs," 2 August, A.D., 1547. And further, I find on reference to his will,* dated 2 October, A.D. 1545, 37 Hen. VIII., and proved 17 August, A.D. 1547, in which he describes himself as a citizen and draper of London, he desires "to be buried in the tombe within the church yarde of Sainct Myldredes in the pultry of london where the body of Anne late" his "wif lyeth buried," and bequeaths 5 shillings to the said church for his tithes forgotten or negligently withholden.

In the church was also a monumental memorial to Queen Elizabeth, with the usual fulsome and flowery epitaph:—

"Queen ELIZABETH, Queen of England, &c.,
If Royal Vertues, &c."

On one of the sides, on the top,

"If Prayers or Tears of Subjects had prevail'd,
To save a Princesse through the World esteem'd:
Then Atropos in cutting here had fail'd;
And had not cut her thred, but been redeem'd:
But pale-faced Death, and cruel churlish Fate,
To Prince and People brings the latest date,
Yet spight of Death and Fate, Fame will display
Her gracious Virtues through the World for aye.
Spain's Rod, Rome's Ruine, Netherland's Reliefe;
Heaven's Gem, Earth's Joy, World's Wonder, Nature's Chief."

On the other side,

"Britaine's Blessing, England's Splendor,
Religion's Nurse, the Faiths Defender."

In a figure of a book over the queen, these words,

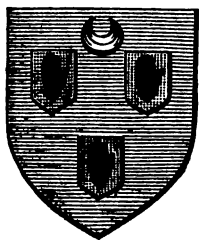
"They that Trust in the Lord, shall be as Mount Sion, which cannot be removed, but remaineth for ever.—Psál. 125."

* Principal Registry, Allen 45.

Under her,—these lines :—

Th' admired Empresse through the world applauded,
 For supreme Vertues, rarest Imitation,
 Whose Scepters Rule, Fames loud voyc'd Trumpet lauded,
 Unto the eares of every forraine Nation ;
 Canopied under powerfull Angels wings,
 To her immortal praise, sweet Science sings.

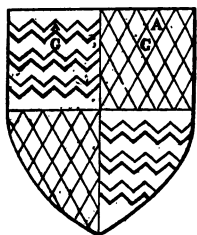
In the church, (as appears by Holford's MS. notes of the arms, taken May 19, 1665,)* was a monument to the memory of Mr. Lorymore, (on reference to the Register I find an entry of the burial of John Lorymer, esq., of Mary Colechurch, in the chancel vault, 30 November, 1660 ;) with the



arms of *Lorymore*: Azure, three escutcheons or, each charged with a dexter gauntlet sable; a crescent for difference, with a lion's gamb couped, holding a battle axe for crest, and suspended over same, three pennons of arms, on the first per pale argent and sable, a chevron counterchanged [*? Lawson*]; on the

second, the arms of *Lorymore* impaling, sable, between two bendlets engrailed, three lions rampant argent. And on the third the arms of *Lorymore* impaling, or, a fesse dancettée paly of four gules and sable, between three mullets. [*? More*].

From the same source we also learn there was a monument supported by two angels, to the memory of Mr. William Tudnam, who appears, by the registers, to have been buried here the 5th February, 1661, on which monument was a



shield of arms, quarterly first and fourth, gules, three bars dancettée argent, *Tudnam*; second and third, lozengy argent and gules, *Tuddenam*; with a talbot's head chequy argent and gules, the ear per pale sable and gules, for crest.

There was also a monument to the memory of John Bunbury, esquire, clerk

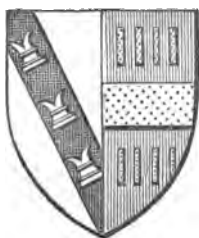
* College of Arms, MS. London Church notes by Holford, 1665, fol. 13.

to the Grocer's company and brother to Sir Henry Bunbury, of the county of Leicester, who, I find on reference to the register, was buried the 8th June, 1663.

On this monument, within a circular shield, was the arms of *Bunbury*, argent, on a bend sable three chess-rocks of the field, quartering. 2. Argent, a fess between three birds gules. 3. Gules, on a bend engrailed argent between two cinque foils or, three leopard's heads azure, *Aldersey*. 4. Sable, two bars argent, *Brereton*. 5. Or, on a chief gules, three trefoils slipped or, *Bamville*. 6. Argent, a tree vert, *Sylvester*.



Surrounding this were four smaller shields of arms, on the first, at the top, on the dexter side, was the arms of the *City of London*, argent, a cross gules, in the dexter chief quarter a sword erect; and on the shield beneath the same, the arms of *Bunbury*; on the sinister side at top was the arms of the *Grocer's Company*, argent, a chevron gules between nine cloves sable, three, three, and three; and on the other shield beneath the same, the arms of *Bunbury* impaling, gules, a fess between eight billets or, for *May*; at the top of all was the crest of *Bunbury*, two swords saltier wise through the mouth of a leopard's head, or, the blades proper, the hilts and pomels of the first.



On the monument was also another circular shield, containing quarterly, 1, *Bunbury*—2, *Bayley*—3, *Aldersey*—4, *Bamvill*, with the crest of *Bunbury* as before described, and accompanying this were two small shields of arms, that on the dexter side being the arms of *Bunbury*, and that on the sinister side, the arms of *Bunbury* impaling *May*. Over the monument were suspended three pennoncells or small pennons of the arms.*

* College of Arms, MS. London Church Notes by Holford, 1665, fol. 13.

In the church was also the arms of *Curteis*, Argent, a chevron sable between three bull's heads cabossed gules; but it is not said whether they existed on a monuument or in the windows,* probably the former, as there is an entry in the register of the burial of "Samuel Curtesie," of Mary Woolnoth, in the middle aisle, the 5 October, 1649.

The earliest chantry which existed in the church prior to the suppression of religious houses, was that founded by Solomon de Lanvare, citizen and cutler of London, who by his testament and last will, temp. Edward I., bequeathed to John de Lanvare, all that his messuage with its appurtenances situate in the parish of St. Mildred—which he had acquired of Michael Tholosan, son and heir of John Tholosan, citizen of London—to have and to hold the said messuage to him and his heirs and assigns for ever, therewith to provide and maintain two chaplains to celebrate divine service every day for ever in the church of St. Mildred, for his soul and the souls of all faithful deceased. † In the return made 27 Hen. VIII., of the yearly value of all possessions temporal and spiritual, the clear yearly value of this chantry is set down at 7*l.*, the tenths of same being 14*s.*, of which chantry John Byrde, clerk, is described as chauntor or singer. ‡

The said messuage is described in the certificate of Colleges, dated 1 Edward VI., § as being then divided into four tenements.

This certificate also states that Solomon de Lanvare gave 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly, issuing out of another tenement in the parish, for the finding of two tapers and a torch to be borne daily in the said church.

Hugh Game, pewterer, bequeathed by his testament and

* Harl. MS., Brit. Mus., No. 5348, fol. 9.

† Pat. Roll, 14 Edwd. II., p. 2, m. 7.

‡ Valor Ecclesiasticus, Vol. 1, p. 379.

§ Public Record Office, Augmentation Office, Certificate 34, No. 100

last will, dated 13 Hen. VI., A.D. 1435, the yearly issues of three tenements amounting to 10*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, for providing and maintaining a priest in the church to perform and celebrate divine service for his soul and the souls of Agnes and Matilda, his former wives, his father's sister, and for the soul of his then wife Margaret, and for an obit to be kept to their memory, which yearly sum appears from the entry in the certificate of colleges* before-mentioned, to have been expended in the payment of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to John Move, chauntor-priest, and 9*s.* 4*d.* in expenses at the obit, leaving a clear balance in hand amounting to 70*s.* 8*d.*

Here was also another perpetual chantry, founded about 1366, for the soul of John Broun, but this is said to have been afterwards united to that of Solomon de Lanvare.†

John Hyldy, citizen and poulterer of London, by his testament and last will, dated 16 July, 19 Hen. VI., A.D. 1441, gave 6*s.* 8*d.* of the yearly issues of a messuage called the "Redde Cocke," to be expended by his executors in finding and maintaining an anniversary in the church for his soul; and the remainder of the yearly issues of the said messuage, viz., 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, to be paid "vnto theires of Cockeh^{me}."

William Brothers, who was buried here in 1547, in his will, dated 2 October, A.D. 1545, and proved 17 August, A.D. 1547,‡ (before referred to) says, "I will there be a preste of honest name and fame provided by myn executors to sing or say masse within the Chappell of Saint Katheryns in the paryshe of Saint Mildrede aforesayde praying for my soule my father and mother soules and all xpen soules And also to helpe in the quere there bothe hollydays and workendays at all maner of devyne service there to be sayd or song he having for his wages or salary vj*ti* xii*js.* iii*jd.* sterling yerely And the same quarterly to be payde for

* Public Record Office, Augmentation Office, Certificate 34, No. 100.

† Newcourt's Repertorium, Vol. 1, p. 501.

‡ Principal Registry, Allen, 45.

the space of six yeres to begyn immediatly after my decease."

From the return of the yearly value of ecclesiastical property, made the 27 Hen. VIII., it appears that there was also another chantry here, founded by John Gaunte, of the yearly value of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, the tenths of which amounted to 13*s.* 4*d.*,* but of this chantry I am unable to obtain any further information.

In this return of ecclesiastical property the value of the rectory is estimated at 18*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, of which the tenths amounted to 1*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, in addition to which it was charged with 6*s.* 6*d.* Bishop's procuration and 2*s.* to the Archdeacon.

In the certificate of colleges and chantries,† 1 Edw. VI., it states that—"Ther is of Howseling people wthin the same poche the nombr of cclxxvij," and further that "John Neale is pson of the same Church whose benefice is worthe by yere xxii and s'veth the Cure him sef."

I also find pensions recorded to have been allowed as follows :—

Poch s̄i Mildred		Johnis Moyle nup Jncumben iſm p Annū C s
le Pultrye	Penc	Johnis Walton nup Jncūben iſm p Annū C s†

These were probably two of the chantry priests.

Annexed to the church of St. Mildred was a small chapel called the chapel of the Blessed Mary of Conyhope Lane. This chapel stood in Conyhope Lane,§—now Grocer's Hall Court—at the south-east corner, the southern boundary of site abutting on the Poultry, and is said to have been founded for a Master and Brethren, for whose

* Valor Ecclesiasticus, Vol. I., p. 379.

† Public Record Office, Augmentation Office, Certificate 34, No. 100.

‡ Cardinal Pole's Pension Book, Public Record Office, Queen's Remembrancer, Miscellanea, 2 and 3 Philip and Mary, Vol. 32, m 4.

§ Which is stated to have derived its name from a sign of three conies hanging over a poulterer's shop at the end of the lane. Strype's Stowe, London, 1720, Vol 1, B. 3, p. 33.

maintenance the founder endowed it with lands of the yearly value of 20*l*.*

This chapel of St. Mary, Stowe asserts to have been founded by one Jonnirunnes, a citizen of London in the reign of Edward III. But if correct as to founder's name,—which is doubtful,—he is clearly in error as to the date of foundation, for on reference to the institution of the earliest recorded rector, John de Assewell, 2 May, 1325, 18 Edward II., the church is mentioned as the church of St. Mildred, with one chapel of St. Mary of Conyhope annexed to the same.

The first important notice of this chapel occurs in 22 Ed. III., A.D. 1348, at which period John Mymmes, citizen and sculptor, of London, by his testament and last will, proved and enrolled in the Court of Hustings of London, the following year, bequeathed three messuages and one shop, with appurtenances situate in Conyhope Lane, in the parishes of St. Mildred and St. Mary Colechurch, to Matilda his wife, for her life, and after her decease the same to remain to Alice and Isabella, his daughters, and the heirs of their bodies, but if the said Alice and Isabella died without heirs, then the said three houses and shop he directed should go to the chapel of the Blessed Mary of Conyhope Lane, for the providing and sustaining of one chaplain in the said chapel, to perform and celebrate divine service in the said chapel for the good of the souls of the said John and Matilda, of the father and mother of the said John, and of all the ancestors and benefactors of the said John and Matilda, and of all the faithful deceased.

In course of time the parties interested in the property as before mentioned died without heirs, and the property was surrendered up to William Pynchebek, parson of the church of St. Mildred, and the parishioners of the same,

* Maitland's London, Vol. II., B. 3, p. 1155.

the chapel being within the bounds and limits of the said church—and in which chapel the tombs of the parishioners of the church of St. Mildred existed,—and the said William Pynchebek, appointed a chaplain to celebrate divine service in the chapel as the will directed. But the said William Pynchebek and the parishioners, finding that the property bequeathed was of so little value that it would not produce sufficient for the support of a chaplain, caused a certain Brotherhood or Guild to be established in the chapel for ever, in honour of the Body of Christ, and of the Blessed Virgin, and chose two guardians of the same brotherhood or guild, and placed the said messuages and shop in their custody, and appointed a chaplain to perform and celebrate divine service daily for the souls before mentioned, and for the good estate of the brothers and sisters of the brotherhood, and for the souls of those parishioners of St. Mildred, who were buried in the chapel.*

The foundation of the brotherhood or guild was confirmed by letters patent† of King Richard II., the 8th of April, in the 17th year of his reign, A.D., 1394, which grant or licence sets forth the before-mentioned particulars, and further authorises the appointment of two guardians to govern the affairs of the brotherhood.

After the foundation of the brotherhood the chapel appears from thenceforth to have taken the name of the Chapel of Corpus Christi and St. Mary.

In 1397, John Clerk, citizen and tanner, gave the brotherhood 26s. 8d.‡

Christopher Suliok, who has been previously referred to as having by his will, dated 11 Aug., A.D. 1500, bequeathed five marks to the gilding of the Tabernacle of St. Mildred,

* Pat. Roll, 17 Ric. II., m 20.

† Ibid.

‡ Strey's Stowe, London, 1720, Vol. I., Book 3, p. 33.

also, in said will, gave five marks towards the "edifying and reparation" of this chapel.*

In the return made of the value of ecclesiastical property, 27 Hen. VIII., the chantry or brotherhood is estimated of the clear annual value of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, of which the tenths amounted to 13*s.* 4*d.*†

Shortly after this date the chapel and brotherhood were suppressed, and its lands are set forth in the certificate of colleges, etc., dated 1 Edward VI., as amounting to £10 8*s.* 8*d.* per annum, which was disposed of as follows: viz., to John Wotton, chaunter priest, 7*l.*; at the obit yearly, and otherwise, 6*s.* 6*d.*; to the Lady Leighe in quit rent, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to the King's Majesty for quit rent 23*s.* 4*d.*; and to the Skinners yearly 2*s.*; making a total of 8*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*, and thus leaving a balance in hand yearly of 34*s.* 4*d.*‡

From the following entry (in the same certificate): "There is a Little Chapell wⁱⁿ the same poche valued at lx"—it appears that the chapel was valued at 60*s.* per annum. In this certificate it also states that an inventory then existed in the hands of the surveyor of the ornaments belonging to the chapel.

In the particulars for the sale of colleges and chantries temp. Hen. VIII. and Edward VI.,§ this chapel is described, as a chapel called Corpus Christi Chapel, situate in a certain street called Conyhope Lane, containing in length from a tenement in the tenure of William Hobson, on the east part, to a street called Conyhope Lane, on the west part, 34 feet, and in width from a tenement belonging to the church of the Blessed Mary of Wool-

* Strype's Stowe, London, 1720, Vol I., Book 3, p. 30.

† Valor Ecclesiasticus, Vol I., p. 379.

‡ Public Record Office, Augmentation Office, Certificate of Colleges, No. 34, No. 100.

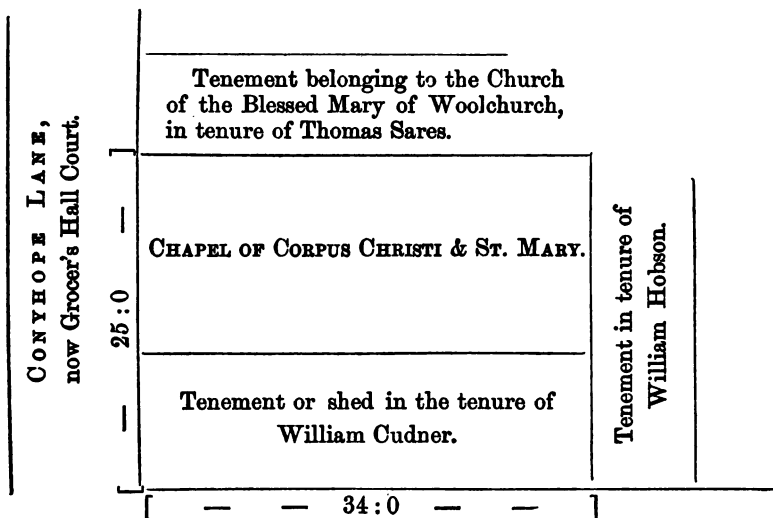
§ Public Record Office, Augmentation Office, Vol 2, p. 2.

church, in the tenure of Thomas Sares, in the north part, to the King's Highway called the Poultry, on the south part, 25 feet, which chapel—together with a certain shop or shed abutting upon the south wall, belonging to the said chapel, in the tenure of William Cudner,—were jointly valued to be worth 60s. per annum, which, rated at 18 years' purchase, was estimated to be worth 54*l*. In addition to this, the lead remaining on the chapel and shed, estimated at 38 cwt., and valued at 4s. 4*d*. per cwt., amounted to 8*l*. 4s. 4*d*.; and the implements of the chapel, besides the plate—of which an inventory existed in the hands of the authorities,—were valued at 106s. 2*d*., with two small bells valued at 13s. 4*d*., making the total value of the premises and appurtenances to amount to the sum of 68*l*. 3s. 10*d*., for which amount of purchase money the King's Majesty covenanted to discharge the purchaser of all encumbrances except leases and the covenants of the same; the property to be held in socage or free bargain, the purchaser taking the issues from the preceding Easter.*

The extent and site of the premises of the chapel will be better understood by reference to the accompanying plan

* In this particular of sale, at Folio 7b and 8, is a list of the lands and possessions founded in this church by Richard II. for the maintenance of one chaplain to celebrate mass,—this must refer to the possessions of the brotherhood before-mentioned, but it gives no clue how they were disposed of,—sets forth the property and value as follows:—A tenement situate in parish of St. Mildred, demised to William Hobson by indenture dated 6 July, 37 Henry VIII., for a term of 30 years, at 40s. per annum. Another tenement situate in Conyhope Lane, demised to William Cudner by indenture dated 2 November, 37 Henry VIII., for a term of 21 years at 32s. per annum. Another tenement adjacent in Conyhope Lane, demised to Nicholas Killingsworthe by indenture dated 2 November, 32 Henry VIII., for a term of 30 years at 20s. per annum. One other tenement there in the tenure of Humphry Russell, at 20s. per annum. One other tenement there in tenure of Margery Spaldinge at 20s. per annum. One cellar there in the tenure of Henry Milles at 10s. per annum. And one other tenement there in the tenure of Henry Jermyn, at 20s. per annum. The total Rental amounting to £8 2*s*. per annum.

drawn up from the description set forth in the particulars :—



THE KING'S HIGHWAY CALLED THE POULTRY.

By virtue of a Commission for the sale of church properties, dated 27 April, 2 Edward VI., this, with other property included in same grant, passed by letters patent, dated 9 September, 2 Edward VI.,* A.D. 1548, to William Gunter, gentleman, and William Hobson, haberdasher—both of London,—for the amount at which it was valued ; the total sum paid as purchase money for the property included in the conveyance being 1,744*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* The chapel was then altered and made into a “fair Warehouse and Shops towards the Street, with Lodgings over them.”†

The site of chapel and shed is now occupied by houses and premises Nos. 34 and 35 Poultry.

* Pat. Roll, 2 Edward VI., p. 4, m 19—20.

† Strype's Stowe, London, Vol. I., B. 3, p. 33, 1720.

Of the churchwardens' accounts and minutes of vestries prior to A.D. 1711, unfortunately no record remains, the earliest books extant only commencing in 1711, and of which I shall treat in the account of the church rebuilt after the fire.

The register book* of the Christenings, Marriages, and Burials, commencing A.D. 1538, fortunately remains, and is a most valuable record, being one of the earliest church registers extant, and contains many interesting entries, as will be seen by the following extracts which I have been kindly permitted to make for the purposes of this work.

At the commencement of this book is set forth as follows:—

**In nomine Domini
Saint Mildrede in the Poultre**

THE BOOKE

of the Mariages, Christenings and Burialls in
the parishe of St. Mildredē in y^e Poultre
renewed according to a Decree made in y^e 39^o
yeares of y^e raigne of Quene Elizabeth in time of
a Parliament Hought in y^e moneth of No-
uember An^o Dñi 1598, by Alexander Cokks Gold-
smith, one of the Church wardens that yeare
and written afterward by Thomas
Sorocold M^r of Arts and
Parson of St. Mildreds
aforesaid

at the charges of the Church,
according to the Canons
And the reckoning of the yeares herein
beginneth at y^e feastes of th' Añunciacion
of y^e birgin Mary w^{ch} booke being written
out of y^e old copie, was examined and sub-
scribed by y^e before named T. s. par-
son and A Cokks and Rog^e Powel
churchwardens y^e 23^o of April 1599.

* * This book appears to have been rebound in 1801; Benjamin Starey and Joseph Savory being churchwardens; but the binder has imprinted on the cover that the Register commences A.D. 1598, in error for 1538.

At the top of the second page is inscribed :—

The Christnings, Mariages and Burialls an^o dñi 1538 and the xxxth Yeare of king Henrie the eight (the Order thereof being then first apointed) Then being Parson of the church m^r Robte Harvie and Curate m^r Norris Gittins m^r of Artē and Churchwardens John Hodson and Cutbert Beecher : for one p^t of a Yeare, ending on th' Eve of th' Anunciacon of the virgin mary.

CHRISTENINGS.

- 1538 Oct. 27, John son of Richard Brograve.*
 1539 Sept. 4, William son of Mr. William Butler.
 1552 Jan. 21, Susan dau. of Jeffray Fellowe, yeoman.
 1567 April 16, Mathew son of John Hille, minister.
 1569 Nov. 10, Thomas son of Mr. Cornishe, in "Counter Alley."
 1577 April 25, William son of Mr. Lewes.
 May 28, Barbara daughter of Mr. Syde.
 1578 May 11, Marie daughter of John Johnstone, minister.
 1584 June 24, John son of James Smythe, "or filius populi."
 Sept. 30, Katheren daughter of John Nichols, "filia populi."
 1589 April 17, Thomasin daughter of Jn^o Yerington, scrivener.
 1590 July 13, George son of John Yerington, scrivener.
 1597 March 12, Susan daughter of Thomas Sorocold, parson, of this church, born the 3 March.
 1612 March 3, Anne daughter of John Mason, scrivener, bachelor, by Mary Spencer, singlewoman, born in the Compter 5 January.
 1628 March 25, "Moyse Mildred, a Child found in the streete."
 1629 May 21, John son of Mr. Thomas Bunbury.
 1632 Aug. 1, Nicholas son of Nicholas Bacon, esquire.
 1610 Jan. 1, "Dederj Jaquoah about y^e age of 20 yeares, the sonne of Caddi-biah king of the river of Cetras or Cestus in the cuntry of Guinny, who was sent out of his cuntry by his father, in an english shipp called the Abigail of London, belonging to m^r John Davies of this parishe to be baptised. At the request of the said m^r Davies, and at the desire of the said Dederj, and by allowance of authority, was by y^e Parson of this church the first of Januarie baptised and named John."
 1637 Feb. 2, John Mildred, a Child found in a hand basket at y^e Connter gate."†
 1670 Aug. 30, Robert son of James Travers.

* First Entry.

† The Poultry Compter.

MARRIAGES.

- 1538 Jan. 28, Thomas Cellys, of Allhallow's Northampton, and Joane, Malarie, maiden. *
- 1542 Sept. 25, Thomas Thacker, esquire, of Repingdon, (Repton) co. Derby, and Margret Blakeslaie, widow.
- 1551 Oct. 15, William Breyming, and Jane Bretten.
 — 16, William Pynchbacke, and Joane Hamson.
- 1574 Jan. 31 Richard Felmingham, gentleman, and Alis Hews.
- 1589 March 25, Hughe Offeley, Alderman, and Sheriff of St Andrew's Undershaft, and Dorothe Weld, widow, of this parishe.
- 1590 May 28, Hughe Thorneton, gentleman, and Christian Taillor, of this parish, by license.
- 1591 May 31, Thomas Watkin, esquire, of Lincolns Inn, and Marie Hale, of this parish, by license.
- 1593 April 24, Henry Sacheverell, gentleman, of Ratcliff-upon-Soare co., Nottingham, and Marie Gittins, of this parish.
- 1594 Feb. 27, John Reade, gentleman, of Warfield, in co. Berkshire, and Anne Snowball, widow, of New Windsor.
- 1596 Jan. 8, Richard Ibeson, of Kirkby, in co. York, and Joane daughter of Thomas Owen, of Bettis, (Bettws?) in co. Radnock.
- 1602 Dec. 19, Thomas Kente, gentleman, and Marie Smith, of St Margaret's Lothbury.
- 1606 April 16, George Holte, minister, of St Trinity the less, and Elizabeth Yonge, of St Leonard Foster Lane, by license.
- 1607 Jan. 27, Geffray Lee, gentleman, of Morton, (Moreton?) in co. Essex, and Joane daughter of Andrew Glascocke, of Shelley, co. Essex, by license.
- 1612 Sept. 16, William Collison, parson, of Morcott, co. Rutland, and Elizabeth Helder, of Bookham, in co. Surry, by license.
- 1613 Feb. 17, William Fearne, esquire, of Lincoln's Inn, and Joane Pickes, widow, of St Gregorys, by license.
- 1614 April 7, William Boughton, esquire, of Plumstead in co. Kent, and Susanna Dixe, widow, of St Andrew's Undershaft, by license.
 Aug. 2, Thomas Whitebeard, of Stepney, and Luce Smithe, widow, of Hackney, by license.
- 1615 June 8, William Cholmeley, gentleman, of Walthamstowe, and Dudley Soane, widow, of the same place, by license.
- 1616 Sept. 3, Ralph Willet, parson, of Icombe in co. "Worcester" (Gloucester?) and Anne Fryar, widow, of St Michael's Cornhill, by license.

* First and only entry in 1538.

- 1618 May 21, James Wilymott,* gentleman, and Elizabeth Morison.†
 1620 Dec. 14, Henry Warner, yeoman, of co. Hertford, and Hanna Goldsmyth, servant, to Mr. Winch of this parish.
 — 23, Elmort son and heir apparent to St John Folliote, knight, of co. Worcester, and Barbary "Deuorix" § gentlewoman, of the same county.
 1621 June 5, John Horsnaye, yeoman, of co. Essex, and Love Noddes widow, of the same county, "dwelling at Chigwell."
 July 29, Edward son of Edward Fish, gentleman, of Southall (Southill) co. Bedford, and Elizabeth daughter of Martine Eaton|| late Bishop of Ely.
 March 3, Robert Loadman, fishmonger, of St Michael's Crooked Lane, and Isabell daughter of Thomas Bennett, yeoman, of Banbury, co. Oxford.
 1622 May 23, Christopher Loune, yeoman, of Shipton co. Oxford, and Anne daughter of Robert Minchine, minister, of co. Gloucester.
 July 1, Henry Smith, yeoman, of St Botolph's Aldgate, and Joane Whitney, of this parish.
 1626 April 24, Edmund Dawber, gentleman, of "East Inynham," in co. Norfolk, and Margaret daughter of St Thomas Gates, of "Holdinge" in co. Kent.
 1627 April 26, Thomas Brewerton, yeoman, of St Mary's Whitechapel, and Elizabeth Tompson, of St Clement's, without Temple Bar, by license.

* James Wilymott, of Kellshull co. Hertford, baptized 19 Novr. 1581, died 12 and buried 15 Sept., 1662, at Kellshull; father of James Wilymott, esquire, of Kellshull, J.P., Deputy-Lieutenant and High Sheriff of co. Hertford; and of Thomas Wilymott, of Royston co. Hertford.

† Second daughter of Thomas Morison, esquire, buried at Kellshull, 6 June, 1634, age 34.

‡ Aylmer Ffolliot, of Pirton co. Worcester, son and heir of Sir John Ffolliot, by his wife Elizabeth, daughter of John Aylmer, Bishop of London.

§ I infer this lady to have been the widow of Henry Devereux, (son of Sir Edward Devereux, Baronet, of Castle Bromwich, co. Warwick, and brother to Sir Walter Devereux, Viscount Hereford), who died without issue. In the Ffolliot pedigree, published in Nash's History of co. Worcester, vol. 2, p. 258; Aylmer Ffolliot is stated to have married Barbara daughter of Edward Smallbroke, of Yardley; but in the Devereux pedigree, published in Edmondson's Baronage, vol. 4, p. 315, she is stated to have been the daughter of Robert Smallbroke.

|| Martin Heton, Dean of Winchester, instituted Bishop of Ely, A.D. 1600.

- 1627 May 30, Robert Nichole, yeoman, of Elstree, co. Hertford, and Susan Nichole, widow, of Hendon, co. Middlesex.
 June 14, Challenger Chute, esquire, of Middle Temple, and Anne Plase, widow, both of St Dunstons in the West.
 Oct. 24, Charles Morrison, gentleman, of Sandon, co. Hertford, and Anne Hill, of St Mary's Whitechapel, by license.
 Jan. 16, Thomas Bedingfield, esquire, of Grays Inn, and Elizabeth daughter of Charles Hoskins, esquire, of "Oxsted" co. Surry.
- 1628 May 8, Thomas Bunbury, clerk, and parson of "Neatherheads" co. Kent, and Bridgett daughter of Alexander Sheppard, esquire, of co. Sussex.
- 1629 April 7, Edward Wormell, gentleman, of St Andrew's Holborn, and Anne daughter of "one" Mr Kidman, of Lambeth, co. Surry.
 — 27, William Hutchinson, gentleman, of this parish, and Bridgett daughter of John Collins, merchant, of Bristol.
 Aug. 20, John Hynte, gentleman, of St Andrew's Holborn, and Mary Richards, widow, of St Stephen's, Coleman Street.
 Oct. 4, Christopher Parker, Lieutenant of the "Barmodne," and Francis Edney, maiden, of this parish.
 Dec. 23, Adrian "Little John," of Allhallow's Honey lane, curate, and Margeret Thacquerey, maiden, of co York.
- 1630 June 19, John Palmer, gentleman, of Little Bouden, (Boughton ?) in co. Northampton, and Ann Barret, of St Sepulchres.
 — 29, Nathaniel Weston, gentleman, of St John the Evangelist, and Fridiswed daughter of Mr William Bowyear, of this parish, maiden.
 Oct. 5, Richard Mayton, gentleman, of St Mary's Newington, in co. Surry, and Alice Hill, widow, of this parish.
 Jan. 8, Avere Aldworth, gentleman, of St Martin's in the fields, and Margeret Gunning, of Ailesford, co. Kent.
- 1631 April 2, John Pawlet, gentleman, of Willesden, co. Middlesex, and Margaret daughter of Randolph Vinson, of the same county.
 June 14, Robert Cross, gentleman, of Hackney, and Sarah Ley, widow, of this parish.
 Oct. 16, Nicholas Bacon, esquire, of Gray's Inn, and Ann daughter of Thomas Vnderhill, gentleman, of co. Huntingdon.
 Feb. 13, Henry Fotter, gentleman, of St Mary Woolnoth, and Ann daughter of Richard Hancock, gentleman, of "Blacksly," in co. Northampton.
- 1632 April 19, Robert Bacon, gentleman, of Wimbledon, co. Surry, and Elizabeth daughter of Martin Skinnar, maiden.
 — 29, Richard Wood, of Cannock, in co. Stafford, and Rebecca daughter of Mr Richard Alport, of this parish.

- 1632 May 29, Richard Loane, gentleman, of Clifford's Inn, and Sarah daughter of Andrew Page, of this parish, maiden.
 Jan. 17, Thomas Saxbey, clerk and Lecturer at St. Gabriel's Fenchurch, and Elizabeth daughter of Mr. John Bunbury, of this parish.
- 1634 Nov. 6, M^r John Killingworth, of St Gabriel's Fenchurch, Preacher, and Mrs Mary Infield, widow, of St Bartholomew the less.
- 1635 Oct. 23, M^r Job Yates minister, of Morton, (Morton in Thornbury ?) in co. Gloucester, and Emme Hollech of this parish.
 Nov. 26, Henry Murray,* esquire, of St Martin's in the fields, and Ann† daughter of Paul Viscount Banning, of St Margaret's, Westminster.
 —. 30, Thomas Batt, gentleman, bachelor, and Mary Smyth, widow, both of this parish.
 —. —, Aberford Shipside, grocer, of St Maudlin's Milkstreet, and Anna daughter of Thomas Bird, gentleman, of Coventry.
- 1637 May 11, William Williams, gentleman, of "Hartford West" (Haverfordwest ?) in co. Pembroke, and Elizabeth Rudd, maiden, of St. Mary Colechurch.
 July 5, Edward Game, yeoman, of "Kelsey" in co. Hertford, and Vrsula Maline, widow, of Langley Green, in co. Essex.
- 1639 Feb. 9, George Panners, yeoman, of St Andrew's Wardrobe, and Phillip Gardner, widow.
- 1641 Feb. 21, Edward Brownly, gentleman, of co. Nottingham, and Mary North, widow, of St Brides parish.
- 1642 "Not a wedding this yeere."
- 1645 Nov. 12, Benjamin Lawrance, gentleman, of co. Wiltshire, and Alice Harding, widow, of Clerkenwell.
- 1647 "Not a weding this yeere."
- 1653 Dec. 29, Christopher Buckle, of Bansted, in co. Surry, and Elizabeth Lewis, of East Minor, (East Meon ?) in co. Southampton.
- 1655 Oct. 9, "S^r William Sedley, Bart, of Southfleet, in co. Kent, and Jane Lady "Candes,"‡ widow, of George Lord Candes.

* Henry Murray, esquire, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber to King Charles I.

† Ann daughter of Paul Bayning, of Bentley Parva, co. Essex, first Viscount Bayning (son of Paul Bayning, Sheriff of London, A.D. 1593) she was afterwards created Viscountess Bayning, of Foxley.

‡ Jane, daughter of John Savage, Earl Rivers, she married 1st, George Bruges, 6th Baron Chandos of Sudely; 2ndly, Sir William Sidley, 4th Baronet of Ailesford, co. Kent; 3rdly, George Pitt, esquire, of Strathfieldsay, ancestor of Lord Rivers; her sister Catherine married Charles Sidley, who succeeded his brother Sir William as 5th Baronet.

BURIALS.

- 1538 Nov. 16, Joane daughter of Blasie White.*
Feb. 25, Sr William Harrison, priest.
- 1539 May 8, John Werrall, "weddidman."
Aug. 2, James King, a nurse child.
- 1540 May 13, "a strange womā y^t died in y^e streete".
Sept. 14, Humfrey Tindall, gentleman.
Oct. 17, Cutberd Beechar.
— 29, Joane daughter of Hugh Feres.
Feb. 14, Richard Brograve "was drowned a litle beside Hampton Courte."
- 1541 Sept. 17, Sr James Lowe, priest.
Feb. 13, "Bassara cavera, the portingall."
- 1543 May 19, Margret, the wife of Tho Thacker, esquire.
June 1, John Littell, "Scottesman," prisoner.
- 1547 Aug. 2, Mr William Brothurs.
- 1552 Nov. 7, Agnes, the wife of Thomas Dikonsen, yeoman.
Feb. 17, Rowland Wrey, yeoman.
- 1553 . . . † Rowland Rewthe, yeoman.
- 1554 July 7, Sr Jeffraie Davie, Curate of this church.
- 1558 Aug. 23, Blase White, grocer.

This year the following entry occurs in Register :—

"An^o Dni 1558

and the first of y^e most happy raigne of our Soueraigne lady Elizabeth John Weale then being Parson of this church and William Cudner† and William Morres churchw^ddens."

Affixed to the top of this folio of the Register is a small and beautifully engraved portrait of the Queen by "Anton Wierx" with this inscription :—

"ELISABET D. G. ANGLIÆ FRANCIÆ
HIBERNIÆ ET VERGINIÆ REGINA"

- 1559 Nov. 22, Thomas Hobson, "batchelo^r, m^ochant free of th' englishe house at Antwerpe"
- 1560 Nov. 30, Agnes, wife of Mr William Hobson.
- 1563 Oct. 2, John Bavington, gentleman.
- 1565 Oct. 22, Ales, the wife of Mr William Lewes.

* First entry.

† Sic in original.

‡ Will dated 2 July, 1570, proved in Commissary Court of London, 7 August, 1570, desires his body to be buried in the parish church of St. Mildred, Poultry.

- 1567 May 6 Thomas Tomlinson "fichanttaylor, who hath geue to this pshe xxxij^s in great coales yearelie for ever."*
- 28, Richard Dawncer, clerk to the Grocers' Company.
Sept. 11, Annis, late wife to Mr. Harold, minister.
- 1570 Dec. 28, Mr Brownes "chif dead borne."
March 22, John Beldom, curate of the church.
- 1572 May 29, Elizabeth daughter of Mr. Stafferton.
July 9, Susan daughter of Mr. Pilsworth, parson of the church.
- 1573 July 31, Mr Baskerville, prisoner.
Feb. 3, "buried at Croydon, m^r Henry Milles, of this pshe, Alderman."
- 1574 June 29, Thomas son of Butterworthe.
- 1575 Oct. 3, William Pilsworth, "Parson of y^e church."
- 1580 May 9, Thomas Tusser, "gentlemā, prisoner, about the age of lxiij yeares. He made the booke called the points of Husbandry, as appeareth by the supeription of the stone vpon his grave in the Chauncell."
- 1581 Jan. 22, Mr William Hobson, haberdasher.
— Antony Hobson, haberdasher, son of the said William, a householder.
- 1582 Dec. 11, Francis Shakelton, parson, of the church, in chancel.
- 1586 Oct. 4, Leonard More, clerk and sexton of the church.
- 1587 April 7, William Crowe, surgeon.
- 1588 July 6, "buried †. . . . the prisoff that stoale the Queen's gloves."
Dec. 2, John Horton, minister, and prisoner in the "Counter."
March 2, Christopher Flower, "sometimes Bedle of this ward."
- 1589 Aug. 26, Mr Richard Tailford, of St Mary Colechurch.
- 1590 July 20, Jacob son of Antonie le Peper, merchant stranger.
Oct. 17, George Turner, parson of this church.
March 13, Thomas Iken, upholder, "free of the Skinners," in chancel.
- 1591 Feb. 24, Robert Pye, "seargent who was wounded in doing an arrest the xxij and died the next morning."
— 26, John Nidigate, esquire, of Arburie, (Harbury ?) co. Warwick.
— Christopher Meeres, gentleman, of Raleigh, in co. Essex.
March 5, William Ley, minister, prisoner.
- 1592 June 14, Joane Stevens, widow, "of the age of 101 yeares and 3 moneths."

* For particulars respecting him, see account of his charity.

† Blank in original.

- 1592 Oct. 7, Thomas Crosse, minister, prisoner.]
- 1593 Aug. 8, Edmund Stockwood, sexton.
- 1594 Aug. 28, Thomas Lane, scrivener.
Dec. 2, Edward Lea, gentleman, of North Ashton, (North Aston)
in co. Oxford.
- 1595 June 2, George Jenkins, gentleman, prisoner.
Aug. 4, Blase White, of Ely, minister, died at Mr. Tudnams.
Oct. 31, John Colman, parish clerk to St Mary Woolchurch.
Nov. 15, Orkenall Parkins, gentleman, of Penshurst, in co. Kent, in
chancel.
- 1596 Aug. 9, Thomas Cooper, gentleman, prisoner, of co Essex.
- 1597 Jan. 5, Thomas Child, clerk to the Grocers' Company.
- 1598 Oct. 11, "in y^e new churchyard, buried Thomas Jackson, prisoner."
- 1599 Oct. 31, Thomas Malym, beadle to the Grocers' Company, in chancel.
- 1602 Dec. 18, Abraham Newman, Sexton, under the Bellfrey.
- 1603 Oct. 1, Thomas Finche, the parish clerk, in church.
- 1604 April 5, Thomas Royston, prisoner.
March 16, Susan, wife to Thomas Sorocold, parson, in chancel.
- 1605 Dec. 2, "buried a man unknowne, who riding post vp the streete,
fell from his horse, and died shortlie after."
- 1609 May 1, Richard Goughe, clerk to the Grocers' Company, in chancel.
[Two entries of deaths from plague occur this year.]
- 1611 June 13, Mrs. Joane Hodgson, in upper South aisle.
- 1612 Oct. 28, Mr. Thomas Hildesley, minister at "Keldō," (Kelvedon)
in co. Essex, in chancel.
- 1614 Sept. 9, Thomas Owen, gentleman, prisoner, in new church yard.
- 1615 June 4, John Newman, Sexton, in church.
July 18, Francis Reade, gentleman, prisoner, in St. Helens church.
- 1616 Dec. 11, John Grove, Clerk to the Grocers' Company, "at Alveley
Shropshire died xj."
- 1617 Dec. 12, Mr. Thomas Sorocold, "our pson."
- 1618 May 28, a Child of Mr. Clarkes the grocer, being still born.
Oct. 12, Mary daughter of Captain Gifford.
- 1620 April 17, Mrs. Frogmorton, wife to, Nicholas Frogmorton, in
church.
July 30, Martin Barnham, esquire. buried at St Clements Eastcheap.
Sept. 30, Thomas Leech, gentleman, in church.
- 1621 April 28, Mr. Humphery Carter, in the south aisle.
- 1622 Sept. 20, a child of Mr. Lingards, still born, in the cloister.
- 1623 Dec. 30, Mrs. Marmere, widow, in the chancel.
Oct. 4 Mrs. Edny, widow, in church.
Dec. 23, Mrs. Lefeuer, in chancel.
- 1624 Jan. 20, Mr. Daniel Wynch, in church.

- 1624 Sept. 3, Mr. Hugh Goddard, householder, in church.
 — 23, Mrs. Kerby, in north aisle.
- 1625 Aug. 6, Mr. Longworth, householder, in church.
 — 19, Mrs. Audhire, in new churchyard.
 — 20, Mrs. Corbett, householder, in church.
 [20 entries of death from plague occur this year.]
- 1626 May 27, Mrs. Benson, householder, in church.
 Nov. 13, Mr. Longworth, bachelor, in church.
 Jan. . . * Anne, wife to Mr. Boyse, in church.
 Feb. 18, Mr. Bude, householder, in church.
 — 19, Mr. Smyth, householder, from St. Michaels[†] Bassishaw, in church.
 [One entry of death from plague this year.]
- 1627 March 9, Mr. George Morrison, in chancel.
- 1628 May 27, Mr. John Hodgson, upholder, in chancel.
 June 15, "John Lam being wounded in the streets was brought into y^e counter the 13 and there dyed the 14 and was buried in New churchyard."
- 1630 May 13, Mr. Ralph Brereton, brought from St. Mary Colechurch, buried in chancel.
 [Two entries of death from plague this year.]
- 1631 March 2, Richard Boyse, householder, "in the Vault being the first that was buried in it after it was taken in for burial ground."
 Nov. 2, Mrs. Sibbell Winch, widow, in chancel.
- 1632 April 7, Mrs. Mary Bess, widow, in chancel.
- 1637 [Three entries of death from plague this year.]
- 1638 Aug. 11, Mr. Nathaniel Shute, rector of this parish, in chancel.
 Oct. 31, Ingelberte Dite, gentleman, a German sojourner at Mr. Andrewes, in the chancel.
- 1639 Oct. 1, Mrs. Margaret Holland, widow, brought from Wandsworth, in the parish vault.
- 1640 May 7, Easter, wife to Mr. Robert Halton, gentleman, of "Bishops Stratford,"[†] in co. Hertford, in the church.
 — 20 Mr. John Bat, keeper of the Compter, in church.
- 1641 June 16, Mr. Edward Lynn, preacher, in vault.
 Feb. 25, Mr. Andrewes, householder, in cloister.
- 1642 July 25, Mrs. Jane Clifford, in vault.
- 1644 Jan. 15, "A Gentleman slaine in Mr. Simmons his house, Mr. John Barham."
- 1645 July 9, Bridget, wife to Mr. Henry Scuddar, in chancel.

* Blank in original.

† Bishops Stortford?

- 1645 July 17, Captain Deane, of Bristol, a prisoner, in new churchyard.
 1649 Oct. 5, Samuel Curtesie, of St. Mary Woolnoth, in middle aisle.
 Nov. 6, William Bowyear, esquire, householder, in chancel.
 1652 Feb. 9, John Bodicot, sexton, in church.
 1654 Aug. 16, Dr. John Richardson, in chancel vault.
 1655 Nov. 21, John Sivil, sexton, in church.
 1660 Nov. 30, John Lorymore, esquire, of St. Mary Colechurch, in
 chancel vault.
 1661 Feb. 5, Mr. William Tudnam, householder, in chancel vault.
 1662 Jan. 1, Sarah Tudnam, spinster, in chancel vault.
 1663 May 8, John Leeson, parish clerk, in vault.
 June 8, John Bunbury, householder, in chancel vault.
 March 11, Michael Best, householder, in chancel vault.
 1665 [A large number of burials this year, but the cause of death
 is not mentioned.]
 1666 [No entry this year.]
 1667 [Only five burials this year, with the following entry :—
 “What from the Wasting Plague and Dreadfull Fire, the
 Parrishioners were dispersed and so no Entries made.”]

After this the entries in Register gradually increase to about their former extent.

In 1670 the union of the parish with that of St. Mary Colechurch is thus mentioned in the Register :—

“ This Yeare The Parish of St. Mary Cole was vnited to
 the Parish of St. Mildred's Poultry by Act of Parliament.”
 and, as I shall have occasion to again refer to the Church
 of St. Mildred, I will leave any further extracts from its
 registers, until some consideration has been devoted to the
 ancient building known as St. Mary Colechurch ; and in-
 clude them in the account of St. Mildred subsequent to the
 union of the two parishes by Act of Parliament.

THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, COLECHURCH.

The church of St. Mary, Colechurch, anciently stood on the north side of the Poultry, at the south-west corner of the Old Jewry.

In the license granted 1 Hen. IV., A.D. 1400,* to William Mareschall, chaplain, and others, to found and establish a fraternity and guild in honour of St. Katherine, in this church—of which I shall speak more fully hereafter—reference is made to the supposed baptism of St. Thomas à Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury,† and St. Edmund the

* Patent Roll, 1 Hen. IV., p. 7, m. 29.

† The legend of the origin of the celebrated, but ill-fated prelate, St. Thomas of Canterbury, is extremely romantic. His father, Gilbert Becket, a Saxon yeoman or gentleman of moderate fortune, followed the pennon of his Norman lord in a pilgrimage or crusade to the holy land; and falling into the hands of the Saracens, was detained as a prisoner or slave by one of the Saracen Emirs. The only daughter of the infidel prince saw and loved her father's humble captive, and upon hearing him one day explain the christian faith and declare that he would joyfully lay down his life for God's love, was so struck by his speech, that she conceived a desire of becoming a christian. This desire she communicated to Becket, who informed her that she would be happy if God imparted to her that grace, though it were accompanied by the loss of all things of worldly value. He and his fellow prisoners soon after made their escape, and returned in safety to London. The young and loving Saracen lady, disconsolate at the absence of the choice of her youthful heart, formed the wild and romantic, but courageous idea of following him to England; though unacquainted with the English language, except the christian name of Becket and the name of his place of residence; but having determined upon following him she proceeded to a sea port, and making known her desire by repeating the word London, she obtained a passage in a ship for England. Arrived in London she went from street to street, calling out Gilbert, until at last, by some singular chance, she found the beloved object of her search; and after being instructed in the christian faith, she was baptised by the name of Maud or Mathildes, and was married to Becket—who had now become a citizen of London (and who was afterwards appointed Port Reeve of the city, at the request of the king, in place of Albrecht de Vere.—*The Legend of the Chapel of St. Thomas of Acon*, at St. Paul's Church, by the Bishop of London. Of this marriage was born, 21st December, A.D. 1117, Thomas, afterwards the powerful Archbishop of Canterbury, whose untimely end and mar-

king and martyr,* in the font of the church, in the following words—"qd cum gloriosi martires scūs Thomas Cantuar ac scūs Edmundus de Bury Rex in fonte eccie be Marie de Colchirche iuxta magnum aqueductum† in Ciuitate nrā londoñ in qua quidem eccia ob reuerenciam eoꝝdem Martirum diuina s'uicia quoꝝt die cum nota adiu est solempniꝝ fcā † celebrata fuerunt baptizati fuissent ac iam ppt paucitatem Ministroꝝ in eccia pꝑdcā eadem s'uicia vix p notam sustentari valeant vt accepimus"——

If this early notice of the baptism of the Saxon king and martyr may be taken as authentic, and not merely as a tradition, the church must have been of Saxon foundation, but unfortunately, no evidence of corroborative character exists.

Stowe,‡ speaking of the church, says it was indebted for its name to one Cole, who built it, but this is evidently an assertion without any authority, as it takes its name from the parish.

To Stowe also, as in the case of St. Mildred, we are indebted for the earliest account of the building as it existed previous to its destruction in 1666, he describes it as "builded upon a Vault above Ground, so that Men are forced to ascend up thereunto by certain Steps."§

tyrdom, December 27, 1170, was but a fit sequel to such an extraordinary origin, rapid rise, and eventful life.—*Butler's Lives of the Saints*, vol. 12, pp. 361, 362.

* St. Edmund, the king and martyr, suffered death at the hands of Hinguar the Dane, November 20, A.D. 870, in the 15th year of his reign and the 29th of his age. He was buried at Bedricsworth, or Kingston, afterwards called St. Edmundsbury, now known as Bury St. Edmunds.—*Butler's Lives of the Saints*, vol. 11, p. 345.

† The great conduit of "Sweet Water conveyed by Pipes of Lead under Ground from Paddington," "castellated with Stone and cisterned in Lead about the year 1285," which stood at the east end of Cheapside.—*Strype's Stowe, London*, 1720, vol. 1, b. 3, p. 34.

‡ *Strype's Stowe, London*, 1720, Vol. 1, B. 3, p. 34.

§ *Ibid.*

The earliest record extant relating to the church structure is the inventory of the church goods, temp. Edward VI., in which will be found many interesting particulars respecting the ancient building. From this document it appears that in the 1 Edward VI., the sum of 15*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* was expended in repairs and decorations. In the 4th year of the same reign the high altar stone was sold for 11*s.* 8*d.*, with other parcels, amounting in the whole to 58*s.* 4*d.*, which amount was expended in paving the choir, taking down the high altar, and levelling the ground. In the 5th Edw. VI., it sets forth the roof as defective and requiring repair to keep out the rain, and that the vault of the church was in a decayed state over the cellar of the Mitre,* whereon the foundation of the church stood.

In this year the property sold by the churchwardens amounted to 70*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* Of which 70*l.* is stated to have been expended on a recreation of the whole parish.

The inventory also sets forth that there was remaining, in the 6 Edw. VI., four bells in the steeple, and a saint's bell, from which we may conclude that the tower of the church was of a strong and substantial character.

Of the existence of a curate or chaplain of the church we find a much earlier reference, for in the year A.D. 1163; London Bridge is recorded to have been newly built under the inspection of Peter, curate or chaplain of this church, a man of great reputation for his skill in architecture, but some years later the bridge again becoming defective, and costly for repairs, it was resolved to rebuild it with stone, and the management was given to the said Peter, but he either died in the year 1202, or was superseded; as it is further recorded that one Isenbert was afterwards appointed to the same office.†

* The Mitre Tavern, Cheapside.

† Maitland's Hist. of London, Vol. 1, B. 1, p. 45.

THE CERTIFICATHE OF COLCHURCHE IN CHEPE WARDE IN LONDON.*

Sainte Marye Colchurche } We the Churche wardeins of Saynte marye
in Chepe warde. } Colchurche in london Thomas Lowe And

Thomas Anderson Do truelye and playnelye Certyfie vnto Sir
Richarde Dobbes knighte Lord mayo^r of London And other
the kinge oure soſaigne Lordes Co^mmissioⁿes by this p^{re}sent^e, the
xviijth Daye of Iulye Anno 1552 all suche Articles as in A byll
from theym Receyued we hadde charge to Aunswere as hereafter
followethe

ffyrste, we saye that John Morfyen Cooke, And Robert hobbye grocer
were wardeins of o^r sayde churche in the firste yere of the raigne
of o^r soſaigne lorde the king^e maieste that nowe is.

Soulde by the same churche wardeins by the consente of
the wholle p^{re}sishe, A hollye watto^r stocke, and A
sticke all of Syluer wth an olde pax^e of syluer and
gylte all p^{re}z—lvij ouⁿz^e iij q^uat iijjs. viijd, the ouⁿz^e
Sma. } xiiijⁱ ix^s. vjd.

Soulde more by the sayde churche wardeins certeyne olde
candelstick^e of brasse and Lampes all wayinge C di
xxijb at xxs. the C Sma. xxxiij^s. xjd. and more soulde } xls. vijd.
the Couo^r of the sepulker vjs. viijd. to^l
Sma^r pagine xvii xs. id.

The Dyscharge of the sayde John morfyen Coke and Roberte
hobbye grocer churche wardeins as afore sayde.

Spente and bestowed vpon the whittinge of the
Church walles for whittinge and plasterringe therof
and for writtinge of Scripture aboute the saide
Church, and for Cellinge and wryttinge the Rode
Lofte, and for payentinge the king^e Armes there as
by there Accompt^e shall appere } xvii. xs. jd.

In the seconde yere of the raigne of the king^e maieste that nowe is, was
church wardeins of o^r church called Sainte Marye Colchurche in
London Cutberd beston gyrdeler and Thomas maston haberdasher
and we founde by their Accompt^e nothings sould nor done A waye
not in their tymes.

The thirde yere of the Raigne of o^r soſaigne lord the king^e maieste that
nowe is, was church wardeins Thomas maston, and godfere Isborde
of o^r sayde church and was

Soulde by theym these p^{re}sent^e that is to saye To willyam
Dyckeson goldesmythe A challes p^{re}z^e xxxix ouⁿz^e at } xi. xiiij^s. vjd.
vs. vjd. the ouⁿz.

* Public Record Office, Church Goods' Augmentation Office, W U
8940.

Soulde more by theym to george Daulton goldesmythe A }
 monsterns of syluer A Cuppe and A boxe of Syluer and } xvi. iijs.
 gylte p ozē all xlvij ozē at at* vjs. iiijd. the ouz

Soulde more by the same Churche wardeins certeyne booke of }
 pchemente to dyles of the pishe } xixs.

The Dyscharge of the sayde Thomas maston and godfereye
 Isbourde Church wardeins aforesayde for the pceite afore
 soude.

boughte of george Daulton goldesmythe A greate }
 Comunion Cuppe withe A patten all gylte poze } xji. xiijs. viijd.
 xxxij ouzē at vjs. iiid. the ouz Sma.

boughte more by the same churche wardeins two }
 smalle Comunion Cuppes withe pattentē all gylte } xiiij. xvijs. viijd.
 poze xxxij ouzē at viijs. ijd. the ouz.

And the Resydue and ouerplus of moneye lefte of the sale }
 aforesayde is spente in salter booke and certeyne songe } xxvs. viijd.
 booke and A Comunion booke all amountinge to gedder
 to the some of

The fourthe yere of the raigne of or sodaigne lorde the kingē maieste
 that nowe is was Churche wardeins godfere Isbourde habberdasher,
 and wylliam wyotte grocer, And soude in their tymes theis pceite
 followinge.

Soulde to godfere Isbourde, wylliam wyotte and Roberte }
 downes certeyn olde payneted Clothes and Receyued } xxvs. iiijd.

Soulde more xj olde Torches to Dyueres men of the par-
 rishe as by thacompte of vs churche wardeins shall } xiijs. viijd.
 apere

Soulde more a Rodde and a barre of Iron vjs. viijd.

Soulde more to Cutberd beston the highe Aulter stone and
 receyued xjs. viijd.

Sma of theis pceite }
 Soude as abouesayde } lvijs. iiijd.

The Dyscharge of the sayde godfere Isbourde and wylliam
 wyotte Churche wardeins for the abouesaide pceite as apperethe
 by their Accomptē.

Spente And bestowed in the pavinge of the quere at the
 takinge Downe of the highe Aulter and levellynge }
 the grounde, That is to saye for pavinge tylle, lyme, } lvijs. iiijd.
 sande, and workemanshippe as thacompte testy-
 fiethe

The fyfte yere of the raigne of the kingē maieste that nowe is, was
 Churche wardeins wylliam wyotte grocer, and Thomas Lowe vin-
 tener, and was soude in their tymes by the wholle consentē of all

* *Sic* in original.

the pishoneres theis pceitē followinge on lavrence warren golde-smythe, and other mō of his neighebouris beinge there p̄sente to vewe, value and exteme the same in the p̄sence of the sayde pishe assembled which was vewed and extemed by theym at xxxvi and more they dyd not value the same, And after it was by the wholle consentē of the wholle pishe Agreed that the pceitē shulde be solde amongē theym selfē to the churche p̄fette and Advantage, that is to saye to Couer the sayde churche from the Raigne, and to amend the vaute therof beinge decayed over the mytto^r Cello^r,* where on the foundation of the pishe churche dothe stande vpon.

- Inprimis Soule to godfere Isbourde iiij Curteynes and ij } iiij. viijd.
 Sackermēte clothes
- Soulde to the same godfere A Redde cope vs.
 Soulde to John blakeman fowere Curteynes of Sarcenete xvs. viijd.
 Soulde to the same blackeman two Copes of blacke worsted xxxijs. iiijd.
 Soulde to Thomas Lowe ij vestementē of Darnexe and a canape of
 fustyan añ Āpes xls.
 Soulde to Cutberde beston a sackermēte clothe of golde xvs.
 Soulde more to hym ij aulter clothes of worsted xxijs. vjd.
 Soulde more to hym two vestementē calledē saynte Nychas veste- } xs.
 mentē of fustyan
- Soulde more to hym two vestementē of white and Redde satteyn xxijs.
 Soulde more to hym A vestementē of Crymison satteyn xxxs.
 Soulde to the same Cutberde beston v Copes of white Damaske vi.
 Soulde to Thomas Gosnolde an aulter clothe of Redde sarcenete ix. ijd.
 Soulde to wylliam ffoxe two aulter clothes oñ of white } xxij. vjd.
 Damaske and oñ other withē Lyones
- Soulde to the same ffoxe xxx^{ti} pecē of lynone pteyninge
 vnto vestementē .iiij. ijs. viijd.
 Soulde to the same ffoxe ij vestementē of Redde veluete and
 Damaske lvijs. iiijd.
 Soulde to Jeffereye walden ij vestementē of grene Cokatrice xxixs. iiijd,
 Soulde to the sayde walden A vestementē and ij Deacones of
 clothe of golde xvij. ijs.
 Soulde to Thomas Auther an Aulter clothe with A veste-
 ment xxxjs. iiijd.
 Soulde to wylliam Crigedode ij vestementē of grene Sarcenete } xxij. ijd.
 and ij vestementē of blake worsted
- Soulde to wylliam yotte fower Copes verrie olde and sore worne xxs.
 Soulde to wylliam Loves fower Copes of clothe of golde } xxij. ijd.
 two Deacones and oñ vestementē

* The Mitre Tavern, Cheapside.

Some of theis pcelte before mencionede is }
 lxxi xvijs. iiijd. was spente vpon a recreation } lxxi.
 of the wholle pishe

I Wylliam Wyotte late church wardein of the pishe church of o^r ladye Colchurche in the fyfte yere of the raigne of the kinge maieste that nowe is, haue Delyuered and Charged Thomas Lowe my Successor nowe vpper church wardein of the sayde church all the parcell of moneye aboue sayde due to the sayde church, with a Invetorye of all plate and ornamente belonginge to the sayde Church as by an Invetory therof more playenlye shall Appere.

The Syxte yere of the Raigne of the Kinge maieste that nowe is, are and be church wardens of the parrishe church of o^r ladye Colchurche, Thomas Lowe vynteno^r and Thomas Anderson grocer, and hereafter followe in theire p^sente tyme and yere nowe A true p^sitte and Juste Invetorye of all and singuler suche Jewell^e plate bell^e and ornament^e as nowe is Remayninge and belonginge to the sayde Church as hereafter followethe.

belles and plate nowe remayninge in the same church.

Inprimis iiij belles in the church stepull and A saunce belle.

Itm. A Crosse of syluer and gylte.

Itm. A Comunion Cuppe w^t A patente p oz xxxij^{lt} ozē.

Itm. ij smale comunion Cuppes w^t patente p oz xxxij^{lt} ozē.

Itm. A Challes of Syluer w^t a pattente all gylte and in the foote A Crucifixe p ozē xxix ozē.

Itm. A Challes of Syluer w^t A patente all gylte in the pattente a lyon p ozē xxv ozē iiij qt.

Itm. A Challes w^t a patente all gylte and in the patente A lambe p oz xiiij ozē di.

Itm. ij Crewette of Syluer p oz x ozē.

Itm. ij bassones of Syluer pcell gylte p oz xxxvij oz.

Itm. ij syluer Candelstick^e pcell gylte p oz xliij oz di.

Itm. ij Syluer Cencors w^t cheaynes pcell gylte p oz lxj ozē di.

Itm. A shippe of Syluer w^t a spone weinge xxx ozē.

Itm. A Crismetorye of Syluer p oz xxij ozē di.

Ornament^e and other thing^e Remayninge in the church nowe at this p^sent^e.

In primis iiij Copes ij for hollye dayes and ij for worke Dayes, and oñ other cope also,

Itm. A hearse clothe.

Itm. ij Comunion clothes for the Tabull.

Itm. v bannare Clothes.

Itm. ij Crosse stafes garnyshed w^t Coppo^r.

Itm. ij Cotte for saynte Kateryne oñ of white Damaske, and the other of Rousset veluete.

Itm. stocke and Cnoppes of woode gylded for torches.

Itm. A frame of Iron for the sepulker and iiij Latten Candelstickes and A Latten crosse w^t A foote of Coppo^r.

As confynge the thirde Article to be fullye Answered is thus that John morfyn Coke and Robert hobbye Church wardens in the firste yere of the raigne of the Kinge maieste that nowe is Delyfled to the Kinge Comissiono^rs than beinge m^r goodericke oñ therof, oure church booke wherin standethe A Juste Invētorye of all suche goodē as belongyde to the church, and we the sayde Church wardens haue bene w^t m^r goodericke and m^r goodericke sende vs to mr losse and mr. losse sente us to m^r hewes, as the sayde booke can not be founde And other Invētorye nor Coppye haue not we, otherwyse than we have here. Justelye and truelye p^rsented

Thomas lowe

p me Thomas anderson gē.

At an early period the rectory or advowson of the church appears to have been vested in the master and wardens of the Hospital of St. Thomas of Acon, situate in the same parish, in whose possession it continued until the suppression of that house, temp. Hen. VIII. The masters of the said hospital were also rectors of the church.

After the suppression of the Hospital of St. Thomas of Acon, the king, by letters patent*—on the 21 April, in the 33rd year of his reign, A.D. 1542—granted the advowson donation and free disposition of the church, with all its tenths, oblations, obventions, rights, profits, commodities and emoluments whatsoever, with the site of the late hospital and other of the possessions of the same house unto the Mercers' Company, for and in consideration of a sum of 969*l*. 17*s*. 6*d*., to be paid by them as purchase money, and the right of presentation to the church was thenceforth held by them as a donative or curacy, in consequence of which no record of institutions to the church exist in the Bishop's Registry prior to the union of the two parishes in the year 1670.† The masters, wardens, and court of assis-

* Pat. Roll, 33 Hen. VIII, p. 8, m. 31—33.

† Newcourt's Repertorium, Vol. 1, p. 448.

tants of the Mercers' Company, usually appointing a minister who was then licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese to perform the duties of the office.

In the certificate of Colleges,* dated 1 January, 1 Edward VI., occurs the following interesting entry :

"Ther is of Howseling people wt in the seid pische the number of CCXX.

The wardens of the mercers arre pson of the seid Churche and that no Prieste is founde but the Curat and the benefice is worthe by yere xxiiijti."

A pension is also recorded to have been conferred on one of the priests of this church, but it is not stated whether he was curate or a chantry priest.

"Pochiade Colchurche in Westechepe Penc Robti Evans nup Jncumben iſm. p Annū Cs.†

The Mercers' Company, as impropiators of the church, appear to have allowed the curate 40*l.* per ann. as his stipend ; besides which, in 1636, the Easter Book was returned as worth 20*l.* per annum.‡

The church being a donative or curacy was not chargeable with first fruits to the king, but only 3*s.* procuration to the bishop, and 3*s.* 4*d.* to the archdeacon in whose jurisdiction it is.§

In the first year of the reign of King Hen. IV. A.D. 1400,|| an attempt appears to have been made to found a fraternity and guild of brothers and sisters in the Church of St. Mary, Colechurch, in honor of St. Katharine, in consequence—as the grant or license states—of the fewness of ministers to perform divine service by note every day in the church, to

* Public Record Office, Augmentation Office, Certificate 34, No. 93.

† Cardinal Pole's Pension Book, Public Record Office, Queen's Remembrancer Miscellanea, 2 & 3 Philip and Mary, Vol. 32, m. 4.

‡ Sion Coll. MS.

§ Newcourt's Repertorium, Vol. 1, p. 448.

|| Pat. Roll, 1 Hen. IV., p. 7, m. 29.

the honor of God, and in reverence of the glorious martyrs St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Edmund the king, of Bury ; who were, *or may have been*, baptised in the font of the church.

This license was granted to William Mareschall, chaplain, Robert de Beteigne, and John Ballard, and honest men, parishioners of the church ; with power also, to the custodians and brothers and sisters of the fraternity, to found a chantry in the church, of one chaplain, to celebrate divine service at the altar of St. Katharine, for the good estate of the king whilst living, the souls of his deceased father, mother, and progenitors, and for his soul when he should depart this light, and also for the health of the brothers and sisters of the fraternity whilst living, and their souls when they should depart this light ; and for the souls of all faithful deceased ; and to acquire lands and tenements of the value of ten marks per annum, in aid of the maintainance for ever of the said chaplain and divine service.

This scheme evidently did not meet with success, for a similar grant or license, but of a more ample nature, was afterwards made, on the 19 June, 25 Hen. VI., A.D. 1447,* to John Neell, clerk, rector of the church, John Tenterden, John Petresfeld, Nicholas Kent, John Rigges, and Stephen Piers, parishioners of the church, and other honest men, parishioners of the same ; to found a fraternity and guild in the church in honor of St. Katharine, to remain to all future time, the brothers and sisters of the said fraternity and guild to elect yearly two custodians or guardians on St. Katharine's day, or within eight days next after the same, the said two custodians to have and bear the name of "Custodum fratnitatis ⁊ gilde s̄cē Kaṡrine de Colchurch iuxta magnū aqueductum london̄." The fraternity to be one body and one perpetual community, having perpetual succession and a common seal for the business of the same.

* Pat Roll, 25 Hen. VI., p. 2, m. 16.

Power was also given—by the license—to the said custodians or guardians for the time being, to acquire for the brothers and sisters of the fraternity and guild and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions and services, etc., in fee and perpetuity; and to found and establish a perpetual chantry of one chaplain, to celebrate divine service every day at the altar of St. Katharine, in the church, for the good estate of the king and his beloved consort Margaret, Queen of England, whilst living, and for their souls when they should depart this life; and for the souls of all their progenitors; and also for the good estate of the brothers and sisters of the fraternity and guild, whilst living, and for their souls when they should depart this life; and for the souls of all the faithful deceased.

The certificate of Colleges, dated 1 Janry., 1 Edw. VI., A.D. 1548,* sets forth that John Tenterden and others endowed the fraternity and guild with lands of the yearly value of 9*l.* per annum, for the maintainance of the priest or chaplain for ever. In this account it is also stated that 7*l.* was paid to Sir Robert Evans, stipendary priest, for his salary; leaving a balance in hand of 40*s.*

In A.D. 1614 “one blacke booke of the brotherhood of y^e freternytie of S^t Katternes,” is described as existing in the church, and an entry relating to the same occurs in several inventories of church goods to that period, but after 1614 no further mention is made of it.

Thomas Cavendish, citizen and mercer, or draper, of London, by his will, dated the Thursday next after the feast of the apostles St. Simon and St. Jude, (28 Oct.) A.D. 1348, and proved in the Court of Hustings,† after directing his body to be buried in the church of the college of St. Thomas of Acon, “p^pe conductū London,” and specifying

* Public Record Office, Augmentation Office, Certificate of Colleges, temp. Hen. VIII. and Edw. VI. Certificate 34, No. 93.

† Roll No. 76, m 20 dorso, 23 Edw. III.

certain bequests to his wife and others, bequeathed to Thomas his son, immediately after his decease, all those "tenementa cum domibz supedificāt shopis ⁊ oibz alijs suis ptin," "in vico de Watelyngestrete in pochia be Marie de Aldermariechurche London," to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs and assigns for ever; rendering thence yearly for ever to the celebrating and maintaining of one perpetual chantry in the church of the parish "be Marie de Colcherche London," two marks sterling "videlt vigintisex solid ⁊ octo denar' Capetto eidem Cantarie deseruienti qui p tempe fu^dit." He further bequeathed a quit rent of four marks of silver annually, which he had of John de Newebury, citizen and cordwainer of London; issuing out of a tenement, etc., belonging to Thomas le Northerne, and which sometime belonged to Thomas le Fleming, situate in the parish of St. Michael, Cornhill, to the maintenance of a perpetual chantry in the church of St. Mary, Colechurch, for celebrating the divine offices for his soul, the souls of his father and mother, his friends, benefactors, and all the faithful deceased; the chaplain who for the time being should perform the same, to have for his stipend six marks annually, viz., the four marks received as quit rent, and the two marks rendered out of the yearly proceeds of the tenements, etc., in Watling street, the patronage or appointment of chaplain being vested in the parishioners of the parish. Probably—from some cause—this chantry had ceased to exist at the time of the suppression of religious foundations and chantries, as it is not mentioned in the certificate of Colleges. He also bequeathed 40*l.* sterling to the finding of twelve chaplains to celebrate divine service for the first year after his decease, for his soul, the souls of his father, mother, benefactors, and all the faithful departed, of which said twelve chaplains three were to celebrate divine service in the church of St. Mary Colechurch; three in the church of St. Thomas of Acon; three in the church of St. Martin Pomeroy, and the remaining three in the parish

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church of the Blessed Mary of Ewell, in the diocese of Winchester.

It is also stated in the certificate of Colleges, dated 1st Jan., 1 Edw. VI., A.D. 1548, that Agnes Fenne, by her last will, dated 28th March, A.D. 1541, gave to her executors 140*l.* to maintain a priest to pray for her soul for the space of 20 years next after her decease.*

Of the size, character, and style of the ancient building I have failed to obtain any information, other than that furnished by the registers and account books of the parish, and no record remains of the monuments or their inscriptions.

The minutes of vestries and accounts of receipts and disbursements, commencing as early as A.D. 1612, have been preserved, and contain many interesting memoranda respecting the church and parish.

The church in the few years preceding its destruction by the great fire in A.D. 1666, appears to have undergone many costly reparations to an extent almost of rebuilding.

The book of Vestry Minutest commences as follows :—

"This booke was boughte the twenty seven daye of Aprill 1612 and Conteyneth One hundreth fower skore and Nine leues, I saye 189, and is onlye for the enteringe downe of vestries for Chosseinge of offices in the Church i pishe or aney other orders agreed vpon. And in the back syde of this booke is to be entred downe howe men and woomen are placed in the Church, Edward Drap beinge this Yeaere Elder Church Warden."

"Att A vestry Houlden the vijth daye of June 1612 it is agreed to adventur sixe pounce of the proffitt of our Church stocke in the lottrey for the plantacion of Vergenya and what benifitt shall hapen there by shalbe for the good of our Church."

After which is written—

* The Public Record Office, Augmentation Office, Certificate of Colleges, 34, No. 93.

† Now preserved in the Corporation Library, Guildhall.

"for this adventure aboue written our Church had twoe spones price twentye shilling^c as apereth in the accoumpt of Edward Drap then Elder Church Warden."

At a vestry held on St. Thomas's Day, (21st December), 1612, the following parish officers were chosen,—

Mr. Nathaniel Bushopp }
Mr. Thomas Allen } Common Council.

Edward Draper }
John Slater } Constables

Edward Draper }
John Slater } Wardmote Inquest

John Slater, Scavenger.

John Bonde, Beadle.

At the same meeting of vestry, "the ould Church Bible was sould to m^r Thomas Allen for ffowertene shillings with the concent of the parishe," and it was also agreed that "David Bonnell" and "Henry ffryth" should be released from serving all parish offices hereafter, on payment, the first of five pounds, and the latter of eight pounds for the good of the church.

At a vestry held on Easter Day, (4th April), A.D, 1613, the following officers were chosen,—

Mr. Henry Fryth, "Elder" }
Mr. John Slater, "Younger" } Churchwardens.

Mr. John Ellaway }
Mr. John Easson } Side Men.

Mr. John Slater, Collector for the poor.

On the 21st September in the same year, "Mr. Thomas Whyttley" was "Chossen Skavenger; he ffynde for it and gave to the poore xxs."

At a vestry held the 2nd October, 1614, "Mr. Henry Huitson" and Mr. Randall Pickeringe" were chosen collectors for the gathering of a fifteenth towards the charge for training soldiers. Accompanying this entry is the following

interesting note,—“London chardged w^t 6000, cheapward w^t 216, our pishe w^t 30 men.”

At a vestry held 29th August, A.D. 1619, in accordance with a precept of the Lord Mayor, “Thomas Foster” was chosen examiner, “for those w^{ch} are sicke,” and Jane Short and Elizabeth Braster, as searchers.

On the 12th January, A.D. 1629, “it was agreed that the 2 longe pewes att the est end of our Chansell shall be mead fittinge ffor mens pewes and the parishe to be placed therin.”

“Alsoe it was agreed the same time, that a rail should be mead about the Comunion table.”

At a vestry held 5th April, A.D. 1632, “was giuen to and for the vse of this parrish for euer by m^r Robert Wilson of the same parrish Draper, two Siluer fflagones waying 42 oze 19*d*. waight the one and 42 oze 15*d*. waight thother ffor Communion pott^e; for w^{ch} bounty the vestrey did then promise to ffree the fforesaid m^r Wilson off all offeces in this Parrish.”

On the 18th November, A.D. 1633, at a vestry meeting, it was agreed, that the money which was usually paid to the Hospital should be kept to maintain their own poor.

In A.D. 1634, at a vestry held the 25th April, it was agreed, “that Thomas Latten our Parish Clarke had ffree leaue of the Parish for hime to keepe a Schoole in the Church, he be haueing himsealfe well and Honestley and soe to Continew to the well Licking of the Parish and noe other wise.”

On the 5th July, A.D. 1638, a committee was appointed by the vestry to manage the repairs of the church. At a vestry held the 18th October following, the parishioners were assessed for the repairs, the total amount of assessment being 116*l*. in which the Mercers' Hall is put down for 24*l*.; a second assessment was made, the 18th April in the following year, for a like purpose, in which year the Mercers' Company appear to have expended 382*l*. on account of the several repairs to the church.

At a meeting held in the said year, (20 December, A.D. 1639), "Mr. Randall Pickeringe" gave 10*l*. "Jacob Bonnell" 15*l*. and "John Ducaine" 12*l*. to be released from serving certain parish or ward offices, "All which moneyes weare freely given toward^e the pavinge and beautifyinge the Church." The same day, it was agreed to make three more assessments for the repairs to the church.

In A.D. 1640, two more assessments were agreed to ; and at a vestry held the 17th December in the same year, "Roger Berkenhead" and "Theophilus Biddolph" gave 30*l*. and "Richard Glover" 15*l*. towards the repairs, in consideration of which it was agreed to release them from all parish offices.

At a vestry held 29th April, A.D. 1641, it was agreed that another assessment should be made towards the payment for the "building and repaireing of theire Church ;" beneath this entry is written "in all tenne Assesments." I mention this to show how extensive and costly was the work executed.

At the top of fol. 30 is this entry,—

"On the Lord's Day ; the thirtieth of May 1641.

The Names of all such as in the Parish of St. Mary Colechurch haue taken the Protestation w^{ch} the fift of the said moneth was entred into the House of Comons in their owne persons & comended by them to all others to be taken in theirs."

And again, at fol, 35 occurs.—

"On the Lord's Day July the sixteenth Day 1643.

The Names of all such which in the Parish of Mary Colechurch have taken this Covenant here mention'd according to the order of both houses of Parliament."

In both cases the lower part of the folio has been carefully cut out, thus destroying the lists of names referred to ; and this no doubt was done to protect the parties whose names were entered from any ill consequences which might arise by a change of the governing powers.

On the 4th November, A.D. 1641, at a meeting of the

vestry it was agreed to sell the lease of the "2 further howses" for 21 years, at 10 years purchase; and to reserve the next house to the church, and let the same subject to a yearly notice to quit,—probably this is the house mentioned in the same entry as having been lately erected at the cost of the parish, and which joined the church.

At the top of fol. 37 is entered,—

"On the Lord's day October 15 1643.

The Names of all those that haue subscribed the solemne league and Covenant taken by both kingdomes of England."

This folio has also been mutilated, the lower portion being cut away, thus removing the names of all who subscribed thereto.

At a vestry held 4th July, A.D. 1649, it was ordered "That the Church warden be desired to take tymely Care that the pauements before o^r Church be mended."

At a meeting of the vestry held the 12th November, in the same year, it was "agreed as followeth, Doctor Horton alledging that he would leaue graies Inn and whole betake himselfe to vs att the end of this yeare." "That Doctor Hortons absence be dispenced wth all for this next yeare during his vise-cansellership att Camebridg."

Also, "That the Churche wardens be desired to vse there endeaouours to pcure the arreare of the 50 pound Augmentation p annum, and the Continuation thereof as was granted by Parliament."

On the 28th September, A.D. 1654, at a meeting of the vestry, it was agreed that the bells should be mended and made firm.

At a collection made the 20th June, A.D. 1655, for the relief of the distressed protestants, the sum collected amounted to 56*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*

At a vestry held the 10th June, A.D. 1662, it was ordered "that those two sheeds at the bottom of the steepel now weatherborded shall be Leaded and that twenty fue pound

shall be recd of Mr. Wm. Searle to defray the Charge therof."

On the 23rd October, A.D. 1666, in consequence of the destruction of the church, the vestry was held at the house of "Mr. Isaack Peade," in Berry Street; at this vestry certain auditors were appointed to audit the accounts and receive the parish plate and books; it was also ordered that "that the Sermon of Mr. Berkenhead be at St. Hellens and Doctor Horton to preach y^e 17 Nouemb^r next, and that Mr. Bonnell acquaint the doctor."

Also, "that m^r Ralph Box receiue of m^r Pochin the Bell mettall & to pay him fiteene shillings for the charges of recouering all materialls belonging to the church in the custodie of m^r Vtber & m^r ffletcher."

And a vestry held 19th July, A.D. 1667, at the house of Mr. Bonny, churchwarden, "in Bethlem;" it was ordered "that m^r Ralph Box be desired to take into his Custodie the Trunkes wth the Plate and other vtensills therein belonging to the Parish."

The minutes of the vestries contained in this book extend to A.D. 1701, but the remaining extracts from the same, I shall include in the account of the church as united to that of St. Mildred.

At the end of the book,—as mentioned in the title,—is a description of the several sittings in the church separately allotted to the male and female parishioners.

There are several lists of this nature ranging over a series of years, each showing a progressive change of sitting, the last bearing date A.D. 1661.

The first list is as follows :—

"The mens pewes in the vper syde the Church and whoe doth sitte in them this 25 Daye of march 1613 and hath ben soe placed by the Consent of m^r Badger m^r Allen m^r Bushopp m^r ffranc^e Slater and Edward Drap t Henry ffryth Church wardens.

Mr. Badger	}	No. 1.	Mr. Hentsone	}	No. 8.
" Allen			" Heyward		
" Bushoppe	}	No. 2.	" Withall	}	No. 9.
" Cornelus			" Wheeler		
" Heyden	}	No. 3.	" Brooke	}	No. 10.
" Wright			" Draper		
" fraunce Slater	}	No. 4.	" frythe	}	No. 11.
" Cappe			" John Slater		
" Vaughan	}	No. 6.	" Whitley	}	No. 12.
" Deardes			" Swan		
" Holeman	}	No. 7.	" Pickringe	}	

"The mens pewes one the Jury side the Church.

Mr. Gibson	}	No. 1.	Mr. Shambrooke	}	No. 7.
" Elawaye			" Clapton		
" Binckes	}	No. 2.	" Gibbon	}	No. 8.
" Nocke			" fforster		
" Godfrey	}	No. 3.	" filoll	}	No. 9.
" Easson			" Rowley		
" Jones	}	No. 4.	" Webb	}	No. 10.
" Edwardc			" Brownell		
" Tuckey	}	No. 5.	" Roger	}	No. 11.
" Lansdall			" Southwell		
" ffulcher	}	No. 6.		}	

"The woomens pewes and whoe doth sitte in them this 25 Daie of march 1613 and hath ben soe placed by the Consent of m^r Badger m^r Allen m^r Bushopp m^r fraunces Slater and Edward Drap and Henry frythe Church wardens.

Mrs. Badger	}	No. 1.	Mrs. Binckes	}	No. 7.
" Allen			" Nocke		
" Heyden	}	No. 2.	" Marshall	}	No. 8.
" Cornelus			" Godfrey		
" Slater y ^e elder	}	No. 3.	" Easson	}	No. 9.
" Swan			" filoll		
" Wright	}	No. 4.	" Jones	}	No. 10.
" Cowdall			" Edwardc		
" Capp	}	No. 5.	" Tuckey	}	No. 11.
" Vaughan			" Shambrooke		
" Deardc	}	No. 6.	" Lansdall	}	
" Holeman			" ffulcher		
" Heyward	}	No. 7.	" fforster	}	
" Wheeler			" Clapton		
" Brooke	}	No. 8.	" Rowley	}	
" Draper			" Webb		
" frythe	}	No. 9.	" Rogers	}	
" Slater y ^e Yonnger					
" Whitley	}	No. 10.		}	
" Gibson					
" Pickringe	}	No. 11.		}	
" Elawaye					

I am induced to give these lists as evidence of the custom of separating the sexes in church.

The second book* contains the accounts of receipts and disbursements of the churchwardens, also inventories from time to time of the church goods.

The first page commences as follows :—

“This booke was bought the twentye seven Daye of Aprill 1612, and conteyneth twoe hundreth flower skore and twoe leues Rewled wth Red Incke and numbered, I saye 282 leues, Edward Draper beinge then Elder Church warden.”

Under date, A.D. 1612, among the several orders to be observed in the church, the first was that none were to sit without the sanction of the four chief parishioners, the second that the sittings were to be arranged four times in the year, viz., Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide, and Michaelmas, and the fifth order sets forth “that all offices in the pishe as Church warden, Counstable, warmoth inquest, Scavenger, Colector for the poore, Colector for the fyftene, Sydmen and such like shalbe appoynted accordinge to the syttinge in the Church begynninge at the highest and descendinge to the lowest.”

The first inventory of the church goods entered in this book contains reference to a black book of the brotherhood or fraternity of St. Katharine ; the said book of the brotherhood is also mentioned in the inventory for the following year, bearing date the 2nd May, A.D. 1614, after which no mention is made of it.

The first inventory is as follows :—

Implment be longinge to the Church Delivered to m^r Henry frythe Elder Churchwarden the xijth Daye of Aprill 1613, by me Edward Drap att the giveinge vpe of myne accomptes in the presence of the Auditors as followeth.

Jtem two Commvniion Cupes and one plate all guilte wayeinge 47½ oz, one Casse of lether to put the plate in.

* Now preserved in the Corporation Library, Guildhall.

- Jtem twoe pewter pottē one of them 3 quartē the other 2 quartē for wyne.
- Jtem one pewter basson wth y^e Queenes Armes in it given by m^r Taylford.
- Jtem one pewter plate to sett bread one at the Commvnton tyme given by m^r John Cornelus.
- Jtem twoe pewter plates to sett pottē one att the Commvnton tyme given by m^r Nicholas Wheeler.
- Jtem twoe Surplesses one of them given by m^r Nathaniell Bushopp.
- Jtem twoe Dyaper table Cloth.
- Jtem one Damaske napkin given by m^r Nathaniell Deardē.
- Jtem one pulpett Cloth and a Casse for a Cushion of greene velvett & a pillowe of fustian for it given by m^r William Pichford.
- Jtem j yard $\frac{3}{4}$ of greene bayes to laye in the velvett pulpett Clothe.
- Jtem one Cushion of green kirsey wth a silk-fringe for the pulpett, and a Casse of buckrom for it.
- Jtem xxix kneelinge Cushions.
- Jtem twoe herse Clothes wth the linnen in them.
- Jtem one blewe table Cloth for the Commvnton table of broad Cloth.
- Jtem one Commvnton table and viij fformes.
- Jtem twoe Chestes one in the Church the other in the Vestrey.
- Jtem one Cheste wth 3 lockes for the poore in the Church.
- Jtem twoe Deskes & one standinge Deske for a booke to lye one.
- Jtem twoe ladders, one payer of tressells, one longe Casse of woode.
- Jtem iij Coffines j pick axe j shouell j Ramer to beate downe greves.
- Jtem one wooden boxe for offeringē, one hower glasse.
- Jtem j halfe quarter measuer, j sacke for Coles & a table for Colliers.
- Jtem xxxvj hassockes xliij buckettē of lether for occasion of fyre.
- Jtem j boult & ij padd lockē for the stockē.
- Jtem one small hand bell to ringe before them that dye of the plage.
- Jtem one great bible bought the 10th of october 1612.
- Jtem one Commvnton booke & one booke of Cannons.
- Jtem one parafrase of Erasymvs & twoe statut bookes.
- Jtem one blacke booke of the brother hood of y^e freternytie of S^t Katernes.
- Jtem one Regester booke of parchment.
- Jtem twoe ould pap bookes of the Church accomptē & other bussines the one of them Conteyninge 193 leaves the other 87 leaves.
- Jtem twoe newe pap bookes for the Church accomptē & other bussines bought the 27th Daye of Aprill 1612, the one of them Conteyninge 282 leaves, the other conteyninge 189 leaves.
- Jtem one table of Orders in the Church.
- Jtem one table for Duties in the pishe the Mynister & Clarkē Duties."

The following entries occur in the account of disbursements for the year, 20th April, A.D. 1612 to the 12th April, A.D. 1613.

"paid for our Dynners the twoe Vissitacion Dayes beinge soe mvch alowed by the Auditors of m ^r Wheelers accoumpt for the Mynister Churchwardens & side men	10 0
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"paid for this booke beinge 6 quiers of duck demy Riold pap ^r & Rulinge att 18d. p quier 9s. bindinge & stringe 3s. all 12s. & the other newe writtinge book 4 quiers att 15d. p quier is 5s. & bindinge & stringe 3s. all 8s. soe booth the booke cost Just 20s. I say	1 0 0
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"paid for a booke of Articles att the Bishoppes Vissitacion in september 1612	1 6
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"paid m ^r Norton for the Church Bible the the 10th of october 1612	2 10 0
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In the inventory of church goods delivered the 17th April, A.D. 1615, is included "Bushop Juells Worke against harding the papists;" (*Query Harding the Papist*) this book appears from a previous entry to have been purchased in the parochial year ending the 24th April, A.D. 1614, and cost 20s.

In the account of disbursements by the churchwardens, from 1st April, A.D. 1616, to the 29th April, A.D. 1617, many of the items relate to the repaires of the bells, as,—

"paid for Bread and Beare at the takinge downe and hanginge y ^e Bell	1 0
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Paid for Caridge of the Bell and Porteridge and Bell founders Men	3 10
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paid the Smith for Iron worke for the Bells	14 4
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paid for Castinge the 3th bell wayinge 5.1.2 at 15s. p C	3 19 0
--	--------

paid for 0.1.9lb new mettell of x ^d . p lb in all th bells 5.2.11	1 11 0
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Paid the Carpenter for takinge downe and hanginge the same Bell and trussinge the other Bells	1 3 0
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paid for fower Ketches for the Bells	2 8
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paid M ^r Suttan Carpenter for a new stocke for Sance Bell	5 6
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Paid the Smith for Jrons and a bauldrope for the same Bell	9 4
--	-----

paid M ^r Suttan Carpenter for a new wheele for th 3th Bell and other worke	16 7
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In the inventory of church goods delivered the 6th April, A.D. 1630, appears for the first time,—“Item one siluer & gilte plate fo^r the Communion 6 oz 2d. wtt, of the gifte of m^r Edward Chapman Ano. 1631.”

Among the disbursements for the year ending A.D. 1631, is entered,—“given to the Clarke to buy Rosemary and Bayes 1s. 6d.”

In the inventory of church goods delivered the 19th April, A.D. 1631, also appears for the first time.

“Item 2 siluer flagonnes for Communion Pottē waight 42 oz & 19d. wth & 42 oz & 15d. waight beinge the gifte of m^r Roberte Wilsonne to be freed of all parish offices.”

In A.D. 1638, 1s. 6d. was

“Giuen to a pore weoman that had a wolfe (*i. e.* a cancer) in her brest.”

From the churchwardens' accounts for September in the same year, an agreement appears to have been entered into between the Mercers' company and the parish as to the cost of repairing the church, the company agreeing to pay three fifths, and the parish to pay two fifths of the expense.

The date of the delivery of the inventory of the church goods,—November, A.D. 1640, is described as, “about the first time going to the Church being then neweley bilt & repaired.”

From the several accounts, commencing the 24th April, A.D. 1639, and ending in A.D. 1642, it appears that the large sum of 1,119*l.* 19*s.* 10½*d.* was expended on the church.

In the account of monies disbursed for building and repairs in A.D. 1641, are the following items,—

“Pd Baptist Sutton Glasier for the Painted glasse in the East Window viz the kings Armes y ^e Princes Armes & M ^r cers Armes			28	0	0
“Pd Edward Pearce for writing the Comaundements, the lords prayer and the beleife in the East window			10	0	0
“Pd M ^r John Cristmas in full for the font			11	10	0

There is also a memorandum accompanying this account to the effect that Mr. Robert Brome gave the carved cover to the font.

In the account of disbursements for the year ending the 21st May, 1644, is entered,—

“Pay’d for taking down y ^e Cross from y ^e Church Stepell by vertew of an ordinanc of parla ^{me} nt for y ^e purpos ^s ”	4	6
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In the account for the year 1646, occurs the following item,—

“pd for the sollemne League and Couenant in a frame which
is hung vppin the Chancell” 3 0

And in the account for the year 1650,—

“pd the glasier for setting vp the glasse where the Kings
armes stood and mending other places in the Church” 5 10 0

Again, in the account for A.D. 1661, (May 10),

“pd the Glazier p new mending the kinge armes glasse as p
recpt” 17 0

The last inventory of church goods in this book is very brief; probably many things mentioned in the former inventories were destroyed by the fire in the preceding year. The inventory appears to have been delivered the 2nd August, A.D. 1667.

The remaining entries, up to the time of the union of the two parishes, are of small interest.

The Register of christenings, marriages, and burials, dates from A.D. 1558—being twenty years later than the commencement of the register of the parish of St. Mildred.

The first book contains the register of christenings to A.D. 1670, of marriages to A.D. 1665, of burials to A.D. 1666, and has the following title inscribed on the first page.

**A true Regester booke Containing all Christen-
ynges, Mariages, and Burialles, which haue hap-
pened in y^e Parish of saint Marie Colechurch, since
the begining of her Maiestie our dread soueraigne
Queene Elizabethes most happie reigne, 1558, vnto
1597, at w^{ch} tyme this Parchm^t register booke was
bought by Richard Cowdall, then Minister, and John
Cornelius, and John Burnebie then Churchwardens
and written out of the olde church register paper
booke, at the charges of the aboue named Parishe,
Accordinge to A Constitution sett downe att a Parlia-**

ment begune the 25, day of October, 1597, By vertue of w^{ch} Constitution enacted, this Perchm^t Register booke is to bee trulie and carefullie Continued as it is beegune.

The following extracts from the register may be deemed of interest.

CHRISTENINGS.

- 1558 Mar. 8, "John Alen erat Baptizat."*
- 1572 July 7, "The seventh day of July, was borne and Christened the xth, 1572. Walter Stevenson, the sonne of Edward Stevenson, walter (*Baron*) fferris (*and*) Erle of Essex, the lord wifftm Cobham, and Ladie Elizabeth Stafforde, witnesses."
- Mar. 23, "The xxijth, day of Marche was borne, and Christened the xxv, 1572. Anne Burton, the dawghter of Launslett Burton, the Ladie Anne Dakars, Jane Williams dawghter to the Ladie Tame, and Anthonie Jenkenson, witnesses."
- 1602 July 16, "Mary Cole was baptised the 16 daie of July, 1602, being founde in the Alley behinde the Conduicte, in Cheape, & died a weeke after."
- 1626 June 4, Edward son of Mr. Henry Box, and Mary his wife.
- 1627 Oct. 7, Ralph son of Mr. Henry Box, and Mary his wife.
- 1629 Jan. 15, "Mary Colechurch that was found in this pish, whose parents wee knowe not."
- 1636 Nov. 22, "Vrsula Colechurch, found vppon Mr. Lawrances stall."
- 1644 Oct. 22, "John Cole that was laid one the needle mans Stall."
- 1652 Mar. 8, Rebecca daughter of Alderman Edmund Sleigh, and Elizabeth his wife, (born 21 February).
- 1654 "Memorandum that these two Children of Thomas Esq^{re}. Radcliff, and Sarah hist^t were baptized in this parish of Mary Colechurch, as followeth, that is to say."
Anthony born the 9th, and baptized the 15th June, 1652.
Sarah born the 31st January, and baptized the 3rd February, 1654.
- 1663 May 17, Mary daughter of Mr. John Chapman, and Amy his wife, (born 6 May).
Aug. 6, Henry son of Mr. Ralph Box, and Elizabeth his wife, (born 29 July).

* First entry.

† Sic in original.

MARRIAGES.

- 1558 April 21, William Wyatt, and Anna Brooke.*
 1559 May 21, William Samuell, minister, and Cisley Swayne.
 1566 Dec. 22, Christofer Chamberlyn, gentleman, and Mary Allyngton, gentlewoman.
 1574 May 16, William Beethell, esquire, and Elizabeth Cletterbocke.
 1575 — 23, Bartholomew Willocke, gentleman, and Mary Atkynsone, gentlewoman.
 1589 Nov. 18, Henry Lynley, gentleman, and Jeronymy Taylforth, widow.
 1592 May 8, Robert Catesbey, esquire, and Katheryne Leighe, (at the Mercers' chapel).
 1598 June 19, William Sammes, gentleman, and Elizabeth Cutt.
 1601 July 8, Micheas Yaxley, gentleman, of Erith, co. Kent, and Sibell Hunt, of St. Lawrence Jewry, (by license).
 1606 "Wee haue hade Never a Mariage this yeare."
 1615 Jan. 7, James Milborne, of St. Andrew Undershaft, and Dennys, dau. of John and Godlie Vaughan, (by license).
 1637 Aug. 31, John Price, of the Inner Temple, gentleman, and Jane daughter of Richard Watson, D.D., parson of St. Mary Aldermary.
 1639 Nov. 30, George Booth,† gentleman, of the par. of St. Martins, co. Middlesex, and Mrs. Kathrine Clinton,‡ dau. of the Right Hon. Theophilus Clinton Earl of Lincoln, (by license).
 1643 April 18, John Freeman, of St. Edmund's Lombard Street, and Margret daughter of Mr. John Lawrance.
 1646 July 30, Robert Clinton alias "ffynes," of Grays Inn, gentleman, and Joyce Cooper, widow.
 1649 April 26, Benjamin Whichcot, D.D. provost of King's College, Cambridge, and Rebecca Glover, widow, of St. Swithins, London.

No marriages are entered in the register from 1654 to 1664, inclusive, but there are several entries in 1653, 1654, and 1655, of the publication of banns in the church, and

* First entry.

† Afterwards Sir George Booth, second baronet, created Baron Delamere, 20th April, 1661.

‡ This lady, the first wife of Sir George Booth, was the second daughter and co-heir of Theophilus, Baron Clinton and Earl of Lincoln.

also in the Cheapside market, two of which entries are as follows :

- 1654 "Samuell Profet, draper, of ffosters, ffoster lane, and Grace Elcock, Gentleweoman, of this parish, daughter vnto George Elcock, of Surrey, Gentleman, ware three saboth daies published—viz. the 3 of Septeuiber, the first time ; the 10th of same, the second time ; and the 17 of September, the last time.
- 1655 "Ralph Box, the sonn of Henery Box, Esquire, of this parish, and Elizabeth Jermin, the daughter of Judge Jermin, deceased, were three severall Saboth dayes published in the church, that is to say, the 29th of Aprill, the first time ; the 6 of May, the second time ; and the 13th of May, 1665, being the last time."

BURIALS.

- 1558 Feb. 2, William Scarlett, servant to Robert Boyer.*
- 1566 Mar. "Richard Mallary, Knighte,† was buried the . . . last, 1565, and lieth in the Mercers' Chappell."
- 1591 May 4, Steven Duckett, gentleman, in the Mercers' chapel.
 July 14 "Mrs. Woulforde, m^r wolforde wief," stranger.
 Jan. 22, Mr. Durham's wife, in the Mercers' chapel.
- 1592 April 9, Sir George Bonde, knight, in the Mercers' chapel.
- 1593 [Two entries from death from plague occur this year.]
- 1601 Aug. 13, Mrs Cornelius, the wife of Mr. John Cornelius, "she lieth before the great Chest next the Jurie."
 Oct. 23, Mr. Hampton, householder, "he lieth vnder the maides loft where they sitt."
 Jan. 5, Mrs Cowdall, "our parsons wief."
- 1603 [Nine entries of death from the plague this year, and one from "falling sickness."]
- 1606 Dec. 14, Richard son of Richard Lambert, "he lieth in the entrie and died of a coughe."
 [One entry of death from the plague this year.]
- 1607 [One entry of death from plague also occurs this year.]

* First entry.

† A rich citizen, resident in West Cheape, in the parish of St. Peter's. He is described in the register of his admission to the Mercers' Company in 1534, as late apprentice to Robert Leigh, mercer ; he was Sheriff of London in 1557, and Lord Mayor in 1564. In 1572 his three sons William, Richard, and Andrew, were admitted free of the same company.

- 1609 [Three entries of death from the plague occur this year.]
 1610 [Three entries of death from the plague also occur this year.]
 1616 [One death from the falling sickness is recorded this year.]
 1625 April 10, Thomas Finer, clerk of the parish church, age 76.
 [Seven entries from the plague occur this year.]
 1630 — 13, William Edmunds, gentleman, of Yapton, co. Sussex,
 died 13 April, 1830, "and was buried in his one Cuntry."
 1635 Nov. 20, Alexander Gill, the schoolmaster of St. Pauls school, in
 the Mercers' chapel.
 1636 June 30, John Skinner, clerk to the Mercers' company, of St.
 Martins Ironmonger lane, in the Mercers' chapel.
 July 22, Mary Hill, widow, daughter of Sir George Bond, in the
 Mercers' chapel, from Sevenoaks, co. Kent.
 1638 July 3, Richard Cowdall, minister of this parish, in the church,
 "hee had bin Minister of this pish 45 years, and Aged 82 and
 upward,"
 1642 Dec. 26, Elizabeth Cowdall, wife of Mr. Richard Cowdall, minis-
 ter of this parish."
 Jan. 22, "William Callaubine, a souldier from Kenton field, who
 died in the streete," "New Church yard."
 1645 June 12, John Touse, alderman, in the chancel.
 1650 Oct. 3, Rebecca dau. of George Rickets, "and sister to Dr.
 Thomas Horton," in the church.
 1653 This year the following entry occurs :
 "Heare begineth the Regestring of Burialls according to the
 Act of Parliament, granted the 24th of August, in the year
 1653,"
 1654 Sept. 25, William Burges, gentleman, of St. Leonard, Shoreditch,
 in the Mercers' chapel.

No burials are recorded in 1655, 1657-9, and 1662-4, and only one entry occurs in 1666.

In 1665, only five entries occur, and no mention is made of the plague.

Numerous burials under the "Great Rugged Stone" are mentioned ; this stone I infer to have been the covering of a large vault.

After the destruction of the church by fire in A.D. 1666, the Mercers' company, desiring to erect a school-house, and other buildings on the site of the church, and also to remove the "Dead Bodies and Bones of such as" had been

buried upon the arches, and to "decently" inter them in the body of their chapel commonly called the Mercers' chapel, it was enacted in the same act of Parliament* as that by which the union of the two parishes was effected, "That the Site of the said Parish Church, and the Materials thereof remaining upon the said Site, be and are hereby settled upon the said Wardens and Commonalty and their Successors for ever : And that the said Wardens and Commonalty shall pay to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London for the same, such Sum of Money towards the Rebuilding of the Church whereunto the same is by this Act appointed to be united, as shall be agreed upon between the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen, and the said Wardens and Commonalty, or be assessed by a Jury impanelled and sworn." The amount agreed upon—viz., 60*l.*—for the purchase of the site of the church was paid into the Chamber of London, and afterwards by the Chamber of London paid towards the cost of erecting the new church ; 33*l.* 7*s.* of that amount being the proportion belonging to the parish of St. Mildred, and the remainder to the parish of St. Mary Colechurch.

By the aid of the registers, church books, and other documents I am enabled to furnish the following list of names of the several incumbents of St. Mary Colechurch before the union of the two parishes, though but an imperfect one, for, as Newcourt observes,† no record exists in the Bishops' Registry of their institution :—

RECTORS OR CURATES.

John Neell,‡ master of the hospital of St. Thomas of Acon, died 10

* Act of Parliament, 22 Charles II., cap. 11.

† Newcourt's Repertorium, vol 1, p. 448.

‡ Register Kemp.

November, 1463 ; this Sir John Neell is mentioned in the will of John Carpenter, Town Clerk of London, and founder of the City of London School,* who bequeaths to him "that book 'cum Secretis Aristotelis,' and 'De miseria conditionis humanæ,' and other notable things," which he states his master Marchant gave him.

John Barber, Tonstal mentions his stipend as curate to be 7*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. goods, 13*l*. 6*s*. 3*d*. ; and the fine, 40*s*.

. . . . Lawgher,† 1561.

Richard Turnbull,‡ 1592.

Richard Cowdall, licensed December, 1593, buried in the church, 3 July, 1638.

Thomas Horton, S.T.B., D.D., 1638, son of Laurence Horton, a citizen London, licensed on death of Cowdall ; he was fellow of Emanuel College, Cambridge, was elected divinity professor of Gresham College, and then took his degree of D.D. During the Parliament was a Presbyterian, but afterwards conformed. Master of Queen's College, and was elected Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge at the time he held this benefice, was admitted Vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, June 13, A.D. 1666, which vicarage he held until his death.

Samuel Cheney, A.B., licensed 28 November, 1640, but it is probable that he was only licensed to serve in the absence of Dr. Horton whilst holding the Vice-Chancellorship of Cambridge, and through illness.||

Richard Perrinchief, D.D., as Rector of the united benefices of St. Mildred and St. Mary Colechurch, 1 Feb., 1671.

THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED PARISHES OF ST. MILDRED, POULTRY, AND ST. MARY, COLECHURCH.

Immediately after the great fire of 1666, an effort was made to rebuild the church of St. Mildred ; a paper being drawn up, to which, in 1667 and 1668, Lady Allington and others subscribed their names. From a memorandum accompanying this paper in the parish

* Dated 8 March, 1441, and proved in the Commissary Court of London, 12 May, 1442. (See Brewer's *Memoirs of the Life and Times of John Carpenter, &c.*, p. 138.)

† Visitation.

§ Newcourt's *Repertorium*, vol. I., p. 448.

‡ *Ibid.*

|| See Vestry Minutes.

book, we learn that of the amounts so promised, only that given by Lady Allington was received, but the greater part of her gift is said to have been lost through being left in the hands of one of the churchwardens'. The other subscriptions were not received in consequence of the passing of an Act of Parliament in 1670 for providing for the rebuilding of the churches destroyed by the late fire and uniting of parishes.

The paper,* from its interesting character, I am induced to print verbatim, and is as follows :

"We whose names are vnder written, Inhabitants of the Parrish of St. Mildred in the Poultry, London, and others Reflecting vpon that heavy Judgment of the late dreadfull fire, whereby soe many Thousand Christians were deprived not onely of their private habitations but alsoe of their severall respective Churches appointed for the Publicke Worship of God, which is and ought to be more deare to every true Christian then any secular concerne whatsoever. And in all humility acknowledging y^t that great Wrath was not yet in proportion to our private and the Publick Iniquity of this Nation according to which if God had dealt with vs he might have buried vs in the ruins of our houses and mingled our consumed Carcases with the ashes of the Citty, Considering also that his hand may be streched out still against vs and that we with the whole kingdome are but reserved for a more execreable distruction, And in the mean while shall be cursed in all that we sett our hands vnto vnless we repent and repaire those dishonours we have done to gods holy Name by manifesting our repentance even in the sight of men, Being alsoe taught by what God hath required of others that in our Repentance we are to endeavour the restoreing of those meanes of Religion and Worship, which for our Sins have been cut of from vs, to raise monuments to the glory of him that hath smitten vs, and being assured that no People or Nation vnder heaven ever prospered where the Divine Worship was publickly neglected, We haveing seriously laid these things to hart and therefore desireing that the Church in the said Parrish may be as soone as possible restored againe that in it gods honour may be tesfied by the present and conveyed down to the following Generations, doe by these p^sents promise to give the severall sūms of money which according to our severall abilities we have subscribed towards the

* Donors' book, St. Mildred's parish, ff. 19—20.

Rebuilding of that Church with the lowest prostration of our Soules, beseeching the Infinite and Eternall Majestie of the Lord God of heaven and Earth not to dispipe these our Poore vnworthy offerings for the place where his name shall be called vpon, but that Through the merritt of our Lord Jesus he would be gratusely pleased to accept them, And by his holy Spiritt to enlarge our hearts more and more to do good for his house and the Offices thereof, that when our private dwellings and publick buildings which are for Civil Ornament and Trade are raised with more state and Magnificence, we may not suffer His Church's to ly still in the dust And that according to his accustomed Goodness he would bless the remainder of our substance to our Comfort and his Glory.

"I Tho : Lambe doe promise towards the rebuilding the Church above named the sūme of Tenn Poundes. Charles Henchman 10℥. Rich. ffitsherrard 10℥. Clement Reppes 05℥. I ffrancis Travise do promise Tenn Poundes. Thomas Dyose 10℥. Robert Twyford 10℥. Richard Boyse 10℥. "I Eliz: Alington, doe promise to give towards the repaireing the above said Church, The sūme of Two Hundred Poundes as part of the Legacy of my daughter, when I shall be ashured that the Parrishioners will imploy it to the end Intended.

"I Rich^d Perringtric, I doe promise to give towards the repaireing of the above said Church the sūme of Thirty Poundes.

"I William Morgan Of Tredegar do promise to give towards repaireing the above said Church a Tun of Iron.

"I ffrancis Edmonds doe promise to pay Towards the Rebuilding of y^e said Church the sūme of Tenn Poundes.

"I. Bartho : fferiman doe promise to pay Towards the Rebuilding of y^e said Church the sūme of Tenn Poundes.

"I Michaell Masey doe promise to pay towards the Charge within mentioned the sūme of Tenn Poundes vpon account of my house in the Poultry.*

"I John Greene doe promise to pay towards the Rebuilding of the Parrish Church of St. Mildreds Poultry the sūme of Tenn Poundes if I shall live to come in to y^e said Parrish to Dwell but if nott then I promise ffive poundes."†

In A.D. 1670 an Act of Parliament was passed entitled, "An Additional Act for Rebuilding of the City of London, Uniting Parishes, etc., etc.," whereby it was enacted that

* In another handwriting "who Died 16 Janua^{ry} 1669."

† In another handwriting, "the said John Green tooke his house in April 1669."

"The Parishes of Saint Mildred's, Poultry, and Saint Mary Cole-church, shall be united into one Parish, and the Church heretofore belonging to the said Parish of St. Mildred's, Poultry, shall be the Parish Church of the said Parishes so united."*

Another Act was passed the same year entitled "An Act for the better Settlement of the Maintenance of the Parsons, Vicars, and Curates, in the Parishes of the City of London, burnt by the late dreadful fire there," in which it was enacted that the annual certain tithes, or sum of money in lieu of tithes, of the parishes of St. Mildred and St. Mary Cole Church should be one hundred and seventy pounds.†

Owing to the absence of the parish account books and minutes of the vestries of St. Mildred parish prior to A.D. 1711, no other information respecting the rebuilding of the church and its subsequent history to 1711, is to be obtained other than furnished by the account books of St. Mary Cole-church. From these books‡ we glean that, at a vestry held the 31st May, A.D. 1670, it was ordered that Mr. Jeremy Bonnell, Mr. Ralph Box, Mr. Wm. Strong, and Mr. Jno. Higgenbottom, be desired to join with four of the parish of St. Mildred to manage the affairs of rebuilding the church; the quorum of such committee to be two of each parish, with Dr. Perrinchief, the rector. It was also ordered at the same time, that 100*l.* should be disposed of by the said persons for building the said church by way of loan, the said parties procuring such security for repayment as they might see fit.

At a vestry, held 13th Nov., A.D. 1674, it was ordered that the church should be vaulted, and one vault should be made at the north side.

At a vestry, held the 29th June, A.D. 1675, it was ordered that the twenty guineas lent by Mr. Jeremy Bonnell and

* Act of Parliament, 22 Charles II., cap. 11.

† Act of Parliament, 22—3, Charles II., cap. 15.

‡ Preserved in the library of the Corporation of London.

Mr. Ralph Box, to be given to Sir Christopher Wren, be paid them by the churchwardens of the parish, and that the proportion of the parish of St. Mary Colechurch, of the sum 300*l.*, agreed upon by both parishes, to be raised for making the vaults and pews, be levied by an equal rate upon the inhabitants of the parish.

On the 28th July following it was agreed by the committee of both parishes that Mr. Jones should commence and proceed with the vaults according to agreement.

In addition to the several donations towards rebuilding the church, it is recorded that, in A.D. 1676, Mr. Henry Dixon, Mr. Francis Edmonds, and Mr. Thomas Mallery, formerly old inhabitants of the parish of St. Mildred gave 10*l.* each towards the cost of a pulpit and fitting up the church.*

In the same year Mr. Robert Brabant, an inhabitant of the parish, one of the attorneys of the Sheriffs' Court, gave the marble font,† cover, rails, and all appurtenances belonging to the font pew, at a cost of about 40*l.*‡

In A.D. 1677 Mr. Lewis Newnham, also an inhabitant of the parish, and one of the attorneys of the Sheriffs' Court, gave a brass branch for candles hanging in the middle of the church at a cost of about 40*l.*§

After the church was erected a dispute arose between the two parishes respecting Lady Allington's gift; the parish of St. Mary Colechurch claiming an interest in the 200*l.* given by her towards rebuilding the church, this claim the parish of St. Mildred refused to entertain; and the dispute con-

* Donors' book, St. Mildred's parish, fol. 26.

† The font pew and rails remain under the gallery at the west end of the church; but the font has been removed to its present position under the pulpit.

‡ Donors' book, St. Mildred's parish, fol. 26.

§ *Ibid.*

tinuing, it was at last determined at a vestry of the parish of St. Mary Colechurch, held 15th October, A.D. 1678, that counsels' opinion as to their claim should be obtained, and if favourable, steps should immediately be taken to recover the portion to which they considered themselves entitled. From an entry in the donors' book of St. Mildred's parish, it appears that both Sir Francis Pemberton and Sir John King gave opinions adverse to their claim; giving as the reason that the gift having been made to the parish of St. Mildred before the union of that parish with the parish of St. Mary Colechurch, the parish of St. Mildred was entitled to retain the whole amount, consequently no further proceedings were taken in the matter.

At a vestry, held 26th October, A.D. 1681, it was ordered that inquiry be made into the cost of building a vestry house for both parishes, and soon after, in the same year, the erection of a vestry house for both parishes was commenced, adjoining the church, at the joint cost of the parishes amounting to about 100*l*. Mr. Dorman Newman and Mr. Marmaduke Procter being then churchwardens of St. Mildred, and Mr. John Stow and Mr. Thomas Lawrence churchwardens' of St. Mary Colechurch.*

At a vestry meeting, held at the vestry house 20th December, A.D. 1684, it was ordered—"That an Inscription bee made in Letters of Gold, in some part of the Vestry roome, where Mr. Williams and the Churchwardens shall thinke fitt, signifying, the Cost and Charge of wainscoting the Vestry roome was given by Ralph Box Esq^r., in the yeare of our Lord 1684."

In the year A.D. 1682, Mr. Richard Dauling, also an inhabitant of the parish, and one of the attorneys of the Sheriffs' Court, being chosen church officer, upon consideration of being excused serving all parish offices, built all the brick

* Donors' book, St. Mildred's parish, fol. 26.

wall and made the gate into the churchyard next to Scalding Alley, at a charge of about 30*l*.*

Mr. Edward Shawler and Mr. John Turvin each gave 20*l*. towards the cost of the clock and dial on consideration of being excused all parish and ward offices, and many others whose names are set forth, gave liberal donations amounting to 104*l*. 9*s*. 6*d*.†

In A.D. 1683 the Mercers' company proposed to recover their right to the tithe of St. Mary Colechurch, but having, before the great fire in 1666, allowed their curate to have the tithe, and the Act of 22-23 Charles II., commuting the tithes of the London clergy, requiring impropiators to make the same allowance to their incumbents as before the passing of the said Act, it appears they could not recover it, nor did they for some time assert their right to present to the united benefice ; in consequence the Crown presented three incumbents successively who enjoyed the tithe.

In A.D. 1693 the churchwardens presented at the visitation that the parsonage house which was built on pillars, and the cloysters under it for burying were burnt down in the late "dreadful" fire, and had not been rebuilt, and that there was no other house or glebe. They also presented that a small part of the ground of the parsonage house, about 8 feet by 6 feet, had been taken into the vestry house, for which a recompense was made of 32 feet by 12 feet in the churchyard.‡

In continuation of extracts from the vestry minutes and churchwardens' accounts of the parish of St. Mary Colechurch, I find the following entries as to the proceedings of the vestries.

At a meeting of vestry, held 19th August, A.D. 1672, it was

* Donor's book, St. Mildred's parish, fol. 26.

† *Ibid.*, fol. 27.

‡ Reg : London.

agreed and ordered that a new register book of 160 leaves being made by order of the vestry for christenings, marriages, and burials ; the same shall commence and bear date from the 25th of March, A.D. 1670, notwithstanding the confirmation of the same was not until this day.

At a vestry, held 13th March, A.D. 1678, it was ordered that the 60*l*. paid by the Mercers' company into the Chamber of London for the use of the church be forthwith received towards satisfying the debts of the parish ;* and at a vestry meeting, held the 17th day of June, A.D. 1695, it was ordered "That the Church Warden shall sell the Bell Metall in the vestry vault belonging to this Parish for the best advantage for the said Parish."

In A.D. 1708, at a vestry held the 3rd day of June, a joint committee was appointed by the parishes to treat about two "Inginns,"† as the late Act of Parliament required.

At a vestry, held the 19th May, A.D. 1713, it was ordered that an iron chest be bought, in conjunction with St. Mildred's Parish, for the better security of the parish plate. It was also ordered that a particular of the plate, and the weights of the same, be taken by the churchwardens and entered in the vestry book of minutes. By virtue of which order an inventory was prepared and entered as follows :—

"An Account of the Plate, belonging to the Parish of St. Mary Cole Church, London, taken June y^e 7, 1713.

p Rob^t. Pead, Church Warden.

A Flagon, y^e Gift of Mr. Rob^t. Willson, in y^e Year, 1632.

A Flagon, y^e Gift of Mr. Rob^t. Willson, in y^e Year, 1632.

A Cupp, ingraven on it St. Mary Cole Church, 1643.

A Cover belonging to the said Cupp.

A small Plate, ingraven on it St. Mary Cole Church, 1643.

* This was the amount agreed to be paid by the Mercers' company for the site of the church of St. Mary Colechurch.

† Fire engines.

An other small Plate, ingraued as y^e other.

The Weight of one Flagon is oz. 62.

The Weight of y^e other Flagon is oz. 61.

The Weight of y^e Cup is oz. 21.

The Weight of y^e Cover is oz. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$.

The Weight of one Plate is oz. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The Weight of y^e other Plate is oz. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

This Acc^t is Entred here to Informe y^e succeeding Church Wardens What Plate he longs to y^e Parish, of St. Mary Cole Church."

The whole of the plate set forth in this inventory appears to have weighed 168 $\frac{3}{4}$ ounces.

At a vestry, held the 26th April, A.D. 1717, it was ordered that Edward Greene for the future attend the parish as vestry clerk at a salary of 40s. per annum.

At a joint meeting of the committees for repairing the church, held the 18th July, A.D. 1717, sundry repairs were ordered to be executed.

At a joint vestry of both parishes, held the 8th March, A.D. 1759, a committee was appointed to examine what was necessary to be done with respect to emptying the vaults in the church and churchyard; and at a vestry, held the 15th of the same month, they reported that the churchyard would hold 30 more bodies, the vault in the north aisle 14 more, that in the south aisle 8, and that in the middle aisle 100, further, that by the register books, it appeared that the average number buried did not exceed 10 per annum, and they recommended that the vault under the vestry, which would not contain above 4 or 5 more bodies, should be shut up as soon as filled, until some of the other vaults being filled should render it necessary for them to be emptied; and also recommended that in future all bodies deposited in the churchyard should be laid in regular rows, beginning at the west end, and so continuing to the east end, which report and recommendation was agreed to.

At a vestry, held 4th May, A.D. 1762, it was agreed that the "Little Bell" should be recast and hung.

At a joint vestry, held the 14th June, A.D. 1763, it was ordered that the great bell should be repaired and re-hung.

Recurring again to the accounts of receipts and disbursements for the parish of St. Mary Colechurch, in continuation of extracts from the same, the following entries occur after the date of union of the two parishes.

22 Dec. 1681, Rd of m ^r Ambrose Nicholas, towards y ^e charge of puting vpp a nother bell in St. Mildreds Steeple	6l. 10s. 0d.
16 May 1683, Pd for Cleansing Mercers' Chappell,	4s. 0d.
15 August 1685, Pd m ^r Williams p booke of Martyrs,	1l. 5s. 0d.
31 Jan. 1688-9, p ^d for prayers for the prince of Orange,	1s. 0d.
21 May 1691, Paid for the vse of Mercers' Chapell,	2s. 6d.

In the same account fifteen shillings is mentioned as being paid for "Guilding the Sword case, Glass frame, Hassocke and Matt, for the Lord Mayo's Pew."

9 Nov. 1753, Paid for "Pruneing the Trees, in the Church Yard,"	2s. 6d.
13 Feb. 1754, Paid for "Digging and Sowing the Church Yard,"	5s. 0d.

The remaining entries in the parish books, from the last date to the present time, are devoid of archæological interest.

The second Register of the parish of St. Mary Colechurch bears the following title :—

This Booke, belongsth to the Parrish of s^t Mary Cole Church, in the Ward of Cheape, London, Now vnited with the Parrish of s^t Mildred the Virgin, in the Poultry, London, Wherein is Conteyned and Registered, the Names of all, and euery such Person, and Persons, as haue been Marryed, Christned and Buried, Within the said Parrish of S^t Mary Cole Church, sithence the xxvth, Day of March. In the Year of our Lord 1670.

Dr. Richard Perrincheif, Vicar.

William Empson, & }
Ambrose Nicholas, } Church Wardens.

This book only contains the register of baptisms and burials from 1670 to 1812; the several marriages solemnized from 1670 to 1753, being probably entered in the register

book of the parish of St. Mildred, as no separate register exists.

Among the numerous entries of baptisms and burials the following are worthy of notice :—

CHRISTENINGS.

- 1677 Sept. 14, Bartholomew Colechurch, a foundling.
- 1720 Feb. 15, Mary Cole, "D of y^e woman y^t w^d not tell her name."
- 1752 Jan. 7. Theodore son of the Rev. John Browne, and Margareta.
- 1808 Feb. 18, Eliza dau of John Stevens, esquire, and Mary Ann his wife, born Oct. 28, 1806.

BURIALS.

- 1673, A strange woman died suddenly, buried in Bethalem.
- 1673 July 23, Theophilus son of Sir Theophilus Biddulph, in Mercers' chapel.
- 1674 Mar. 27, John son of Sir Theophilus Biddulph, in Mercers' chapel.
- 1680 — 31, John Doggitt, esquire, in Mercers' Chapel.
- 1681 Oct. 30, William Wilson, parish clerk.
- 168½ Feb. 25, Robert Milbourn, in great vault in a grave.*
- 1718 Dec. 30. Sir Joshua Sharpe, in Rector's vault.
- 1720 Feb. 15, "A woman y^t w^d not tell her name," in the vestry vault.
- 22, Mary Cole, "D of y^e woman above," in the vestry vault.
- 1721 June 21, Elizabeth Aldersey, in the vestry vault.
- 1811 Dec. 6, Thomas Jones, late parish clerk, died 29th, November, age 62, in churchyard.

As before mentioned the book of vestry minutes of the parish of St. Mildred commences with the year A.D. 1711.† In this book we find, at a select vestry, held the 12th May, A.D. 1753, it was ordered "That Mr. Hinton, p̄sent Upper Church Warden, doe provide an Iron Chest for the better

* This entry also occurs in the register of the parish of St. Mildred.

† Preserved in the Corporation Library, Guildhall.

securing the Parish Plate, And that he deposite the same where he shall think fitt, he having given Security for the same."

About this time a dispute arose between the two parishes respecting the accounts for rebuilding the church, the parish of St. Mary Colechurch being desirous of having the several accounts examined. From the allegations in this dispute (entered in the vestry book under date 26 November, A.D. 1713), it appears that the Mercers' company gave a sum of 60*l.* for the site of the church of St. Mary Colechurch, towards rebuilding the church of St. Mildred; that in all matters of church salaries it was agreed that the parish of St. Mildred should pay 20*s.* to every 16*s.* of St. Mary Colechurch; that this amount (having been paid by the Mercers' company into the Chamber of London) was paid by the Chamber of London to the parishes in A.D. 1678; 33*l.* 7*s.* being paid to the parish of St. Mildred and the remainder to the parish of St. Mary Colechurch; and further, that the school and roof of the church were built at the cost of the public, and that the vestry room, vaults, pews and ornaments, were erected at the joint cost of both parishes.

At a select vestry, held 10th February, A.D. 1717, to take an account of the proceedings in Parliament touching the building of a spire upon the steeple, the consideration of this matter was adjourned to another opportunity, as it was deemed probable that the Parliament would rise in a short time. At this vestry the churchwarden having reported the "Saint's Bell" broken, it was referred to the churchwardens of both parishes to buy a new one.

In 1721 the Mercers' company claimed the alternate presentation and the rectorial tithe, but were advised that the tithe rested in the incumbent by prescription; and, in 1726, the company presented the Rev. William Wallis, M.A., since which time they have presented to the living alternately with the Crown.

At a select vestry, held the 25th of April, A.D. 1726, the committee reported, that from and after the 19th of the some month, the expence of the repairs to the church had been agreed to be borne by the parishes in the following proportions—viz., St. Mildred's five-ninths and St. Mary Colechurch four-ninths ; and at a select vestry, held the 25th January, A.D. 1739, the churchwardens were ordered to look out for a house fit for a workhouse for the poor of St. Mildred's parish, and to procure an estimate for fitting up the house for that purpose.

At a select vestry, held 19th February, A.D. 1754, it was ordered "that the place vulgarly called Scalding Alley, be for the future called by the name of St. Mildred's Court."

- At a joint vestry, held 9th October, A.D. 1754, certain ornaments of the ceiling of the church were determined to be taken down to prevent accidents—one having already fallen and damaged a pew ; and further, at a vestry, held the 19th September, A.D. 1759, it was ordered "that no Servants whatsoever, be admitted into the four Pews, in the Middle Isle, marked No. 3, 4, 5, and 6, and that the Sexton be directed to take care that Order be punctually complied with."

At the end of this vestry book is a collection of orders of vestry for the churchwardens' instruction in the discharge of their office, of which the 3rd and 10th orders are as follows :—

3rd. "You are to Entertaine the Vestry Men, and their Wives, upon Asscention Day. Else to forfeit what is left for that purpose."

10th. "You are to pay to St. Sepulchre's Parish 6ti p Annum, till it be diminished."

The last vestry minute entered in this book is dated the 11th August, A.D. 1772.

The earliest account of receipts and disbursements by the

churchwardens' on account of the parish of St. Mildred, extant, also dates from A.D. 1711.*

Amongst the numerous entries contained in the same are the following :—

- "Item. Recd of Mr. Lawrence Andrews, for a yeares Rent for his Props, against the Church, due same time, (Lady Day, 1712,) 1*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*"
- "Item. Recd of Mr. Smith, for a yeare^s Rent, for his Signe against the Church, due at same time 10*s.* 0*d.*"
- "Item. Recd of S^r Robt. Beachcroft, L^d Mayor, for two persons throwing Squibs, 10^s each, 1*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*"
- "Item. More for a persons being Drunke, 5*s.* 0*d.*"
- "Item. for a person Exercising his Trade on a Sunday, 3*s.* 4*d.*"
- "Item. for a Woman being Drunke, 5*s.* 0*d.*"
- "Item. for a person being Drunke, and swearing 2 Oathes, 9*s.* 0*d.*"

In this book is entered a long inventory of the books, bonds, writings, etc., belonging to the parish the 8th May, A.D. 1712, of which the following are a few of the items mentioned :—

- "Item. an Old and a New Register, for the Church Wardens, Accompte."

Over this item, in another handwriting, "9th Sep. 1776, y^e Old one Destroyed."

- "Item. a Picture of the late King Charles the Second, given by Mr. Newman."
- "Item. a Table of all the Kings of England, a Picture of the Seaven Bishops, and one large Elbow Chaire, given by said Mr. John Greene."
- "Item. a Guilt Hower Glass, at the Reading Desk, the Gift of said Mr. Greene."
- "Item. Two Brass double Candlesticks, for the Pulpit, and Desk, the Gift of Mr. Richard Clarke, the Clerke of this Parish."
- "Item. One paire of Chimney Hooks, one paire of high Candlesticks, and one low Candlestick."

* This book is endorsed on the cover—"The Gift of Geo : Foot, Common Council Man, and Church Warden, of St. Mildred in the Poultry, 1711," etc.

The following inventory of plate and other goods of the church is also entered under the same date as the preceding inventory—viz., May, A.D. 1712 :—

Communion Plate, and other Church Utensills, delivered up to Mr. Edmund Richardson, the p^rsent Upper Church Warden.

“Imprimis, Three Silver flaggons, One large Silver Bason, Two large Silver Cups with Covers, Three large Silver Plates, and fower small Silver Plates, weighing together 402oz. 09dwts. and one Silver Spoon.

“Item. Three Pewter Dishes, and the Brass Branch, in the Church, a Crimson Velvet Border with a Gold ffringe for the Pulpit, and a Velvet Cushion, for the same.

“Item. One Crimson Velvet Tablecloth for the Communion Table, a Velvet Cushion to the same, Three long Cushions to kneele on, One Green Cloth Carpett Embroydered, for the Communion Table, One Damask Table Cloth, One Napkin, and Three Surplices, (viz^t.) One New, and two Old.

“Item. One long black Cloth for a Corps, one large Cyprus Chest, Two Wainscott Boxes, and a Deale Box, Six Dozen of Wooden Candlesticks.

“Item. ffive long Wainscot fformes, One Elme Coffin open, Two Tressells, One long, and two short Ladders, and Twenty fower Bucketts.

“Item. a Small Looking Glass, a Tinn Sconce, Two high Russia Chaires, a ffire Grate, and ffender, a paire of Andirons, Shovell, Tongs, and fforke.

In the account of the church goods, dated 5th May, A.D. 1715, occurs the following entry respecting the parish fire engines :

“Item. One large Copper Engine, for ffire, with 80 foot of Leather Pipe and brass screws, with a brass Socket for the Water Plug, and 20 yards of Canvas Pipe and a Copper Hook, to fill the Engine, and two pair of Wooden handles, and a Truck with four Wheels to draw the Engine on, And the Copper Branch to Carry the Water. And also a hand Engine, in the Engine house, in the Church Yard, with Bucketts.”

A.D. 1717—18. “Item. Paid St Mildreds pporcōn of Expences, Endeavouring to gett the Spire built on the Steeple, 7*l*. 0*s*. 7*d*.”

July A.D. 1765. Paid "To John Peake, for Covering the Engine, and nailing the Figtree, in M^r. Burfords year, 14s. 0d."

In continuation of the several extracts from the registers of the parish of St. Mildred, the following may be deemed of interest :—

CHRISTENINGS.

1679 Oct. 1, Richard Gate, a foundling, "att the Compter Gate."

168† April 2, Sarah, daughter of Sir John Shaw."*

1700-1 Mar. 9, Dixon Poultre, a foundling.

1722 Aug. 26, Abel London, a black, aged about eighteen years.

1724 Mar. 19, Mary Poultry, a foundling.

1748 Sept. 27, Catherine-Augusta, daughter of the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Ladbroke, knight, Lord Mayor, of the City of London, and Elizabeth his wife, born 29 August.

The last baptism registered is dated 2nd November, 1870.

MARRIAGES.

1688 Mar. 28, Sir Edward Sebright,† baronet, of Besford, co. Worcester, and Ann "Sanders,"‡ of Beechwood, co. Hertford.

1698 Aug. 18, John White, minister, of the parish of "Skuses," co. Southampton, and Mary Nash, of St. Johns Wapping, co. Middlesex.

1699 — 15, Samuel Harwar, A.M. (chaplain to Sir Charles Heroes, Regiment,) and Anne Marshall, of Rickmansworth, co. Hertford.

1712 June 19, Sir Nicholas Williams,§ baronet, and Mary Cocks|| both of the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, co. Middlesex.

1752 Jan. 20, James Clayton, esquire, of the city of Chichester, in co. Sussex, widower, and Mary Elliston, widow, of par. of Allhallows Honey Lane.

* Probably Sir John Shaw, second baronet, whose first wife Margery was daughter of Sir John Peake, knight, Lord Mayor of London.

† Third baronet.

‡ Daughter of Thomas Saunders, esquire.

§ Sir Nicholas Williams, baronet, of Edwinstord, co. Carmarthen, M.P., and Lord Lieutenant for the same county, created a baronet, 30 July, 1707, died without issue.

|| Mary, daughter of Charles Cocks, esquire, and niece of John Lord Somers.

1787 Nov. 5, Joseph Baskerville Stafford, bachelor, of the par. of St. Saviour's, Southwark, and Sarah Wintle, spinster, of this parish, by license.

1789 Aug. 18, Thomas Lloyd, esquire, bachelor, of the town of Shrewsbury, in co. Salop, and Eliza-Bella Wright, spinster, of this parish, by license.

1800 Nov. 5, The Rev. George Gethin, bachelor, clerk of this parish, and Dame Ann Wintringham, widow, of the parish of St. Mary-le-bone, by license.

1802 Nov. 4, William Henry Palmer, esquire, of parish of St. Mary-le-bone, and Alice Franklin, spinster, of this parish.

1808 Jan. 19, Duke Buckingham, widower, and Hannah Mason, widow, both of the parish of St. Mildred.

The last marriage registered is dated the 1st January, 1871.

BURIALS.

1674 Sept. 30, Francis Lorimer, in the chancel ground.

1675 June 4, Mary, the wife of Augustine Lynn, "in the New ground by the Artillery."

1679 July 25, John, son of John Williams, rector, in the chancel vault.

1680 Nov. 8, Humphry Gyffard, in the N. vault.

1683 June 20, Thomas Hunter, "prisoners child in Counter Bethlehem ground."

1684 Oct. 23, Doctor William Croune, in the chancel, in a grave.

This year the following entry occurs in register :—

"Burials from St. Mary Cole-church, that were omitted in the year 1684, and are now entered by themselves."

1689 Feb. 13, Margaret Williams, chancel vault.

This is the last entry in the first column of page ; in the margin is written—"Anima dimidiū mea," and beneath, the signature, "John Williams, Rector."

169‡ Mar. 29, Bartholomew Ferriman, south aisle below step.

169‡ Feb. 8, Sarah Ferriman, south aisle.

1697 Mar. 26, Thomas Barker, grandson of Dr. Williams and son of James Barker of Walthamstow, in the rector's vault.

Sept. 23, Valentine "a Blackamore in Bethlehem."

1702, This year an entry occurs as follows :

"Memorand', Those of the United Parish of St Mary Cole, w^{ch} were bury'd here are omitted in this Register, but are Registered in the Book belonging to that Parish."

- 1706 Oct. 18, Lady Mary Sadler, in the chancel in a grave.
- 1709 April 28, John Williams, Lord Bishop of Chichester,* "the worthy Rector of this Church for many yeares," in the chancel vault.
- Jan. 12, Margaret Milborn, in great vault.
- 1719 Dec. 19, "A stranger, dy'd suddenly, vestry vault."
- 1721 Jan. 6, The Rev. George Martin, rector of this parish, in his own vault.
- 1722 Mar. 31, Orlando son of Orlandoe Humpfreys, esquire, in great vault.
- 1725 July 24, John, son of Henry Trasford, in the Quaker's ground.
- Sept. 27, William son of Jonas Cockerton, in the Quaker's ground.
- 1728 Jan. 6, Thomas Broadfield, vestry vault, "moved away to Bridg-north Mar. 3, 1729."
- 1729 June 9, Benjamin, son of Joseph Ingram, in the Quaker's ground.
- 1730 Oct. 10, Anne Fayram, buried at Tottenham.
- 1732 Feb. 3, John Davis, at Tottenham.
- 1733 Aug. 6, Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. William Wallis, in rector's vault.
- 1734 May 22, Sarah, daughter of the Rev. William Wallis, in rector's vault.
- 1735 Sept. 28, "A Strange Poor woman, died on the Steps of the Church Door" in vestry vault.
- Nov. 6, Sir William Humfreys, knight, baronet, in rector's vault.

* John Williams, born in Northamptonshire, when about 17 years of age (in Lent term, 1651), became a Commoner of Magdalen Hall, Oxford, and afterwards took his degrees, that of Master of Arts being completed in 1658, about which time he also took holy orders. After the restoration of Charles II., he is said to have been a chaplain at sea, and after he quitted the service to have been appointed minister of St. Peter's near Paul's Wharf, subsequently he became rector of the parish of St. Mildred, being inducted into the living the 5 Sept. 1674 (*see parish register*); he was afterwards made a Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, and in 1689 was created a Doctor of Divinity at Cambridge, after King William III. had been entertained there in the month of October. He was one of the chaplains in ordinary to the King, who made him Prebendary of Canterbury. He was consecrated Bishop of Chichester, 13 December, 1696.

Besides several sermons and other works, he was the author of "The History of the Gunpowder Treason, collected from approved authors as well Popish as Protestant," published in London in 1679 (*Wood's Athenæ Oxoniensis*, Vol. 4, pp. 769, 770).

Sir William Humfreys, here mentioned (a Dry Salter in the Poultry), was sheriff of London in 1704, knighted in his shrievalty by Queen Anne, and was Master of the Ironmongers' company in 1705. In 1714 he was elected Lord Mayor, and in that year, being the first of the reign of George I., he entertained the King at Guildhall, and was afterwards in the same year created a baronet; he was also M.P. for Marlborough, a Colonel of Militia, and died at the advanced age of 84 years.

The newspapers of the period mention his burial as follows :—"Last night y^e corpse of Sir W^m. Humfreys, Bart. was buried in great state, having all the trophies of honour suitable to his dignity carried before him: the city marshall preceded the hearse, which was drawn by six horses followed by a coach-and-six (the horses belonging to his son, now Sir Orlando Humfreys, Bart), and fourteen other coaches-and-six, (and near 200 lights), and so passed from his house in Bloomsbury Square through Holborn, down Chancery Lane, and through Fleet Street, S^t. Paul's Churchyard, and Cheapside, to S^t. Mildred's in the Poultry, where he was interred in a vault in the chancel, near his first wife; his pall being supported by Sir Gerrard Conyers, Sir Edward Bellamy, Sir W^m. Billers, Sir Rich^d. Hopkins, Sir Harcourt Masters, and Sir John Thompson, knights and aldermen in their gowns."*

1735 Jan. 29, John, son of the Rev. William Wallis, in rector's vault.

1736 Aug. 10, Thomas, son of the Rev. William Wallis, in rector's vault.

1738 Jan. 11, Sir Robert Cater,† alderman of Cheap Ward, buried in Bedfordshire.

1740 Dec. 3, Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. William, and Sarah Wallis, in rector's vault.

* The Herald and Genealogist, part XXX., pp. 487, 488.

† Sir Robert Kendal Cater, knight, fishmonger, elected alderman of Cheap Ward, 1732-3, sheriff of London, 1737, and died the same year.

- 1742 July 9, George, son of the Rev. William Wallis, in rector's vault.
 Aug. 18, John, son of the Rev. William Wallis, in rector's vault.
- 1746 Jan. 7, Samuel, son of the Rev. William and Sarah Wallis, in rector's vault.
- 1747 Jan. 3, The Rev. John Wells, in rector's vault.
 Mar. 13, The Rev. William Wallis,* rector of both parishes in his own vault.
- 1771 April 15, "Elizabetha Maria Newcome, in the Dra. vault."
- 1778 May 4, Mary Ann, daughter of Robert Bromley, rector of this parish, and Mary his wife, aged 22 months.
- 1779 Jan. 28, Ann Blake, "Sexton" of this parish, in churchyard.
 July 24, Mark Stone, esquire, a stranger, aged 70.
- 1794 Nov. 30, George Buck, esquire, aged 53, in rector's vault.
- 1795 July 20, John Lorimer, M.D. aged 62, in rector's vault.
- 1797 May 16, Sydey Fryer, esquire, aged 24, in the middle vault.
 "N.B.—The above was shot by some foot Pads near Islington, May 7th."
- 1799 July 10, Jessina (a native of the Cape of Good Hope,) wife of Charles Mannen, of the 71st Regiment of Foot, aged 23 years, in vestry vault.
- 1800 Mar. 14, Joseph Baskervill Stafford, in middle vault.
- 1801 Feb. 19, John Gethin, esquire. in middle vault.
- 1806 Oct. 16, The Rev. Robert Anthony Bromley, late rector of these united parishes, in the rector's vault.

The last burial registered is dated 17th February, 1852.

The interior of the church is plain but lofty and well lighted, having a large centre window in the east wall, over the communion table, with segmental head, running up to and piercing the coving of ceiling; on each side of this window is a smaller one, with semicircular head. The windows in north wall are similar, with panels in south wall to correspond; a like arrangement of window exists at the west end, except where the tower occupies a portion of the wall.

* Buried four sons and three daughters in the church during the short period of his incumbency.

A large and handsome ionic column sustains the north east angle of the tower, and another column to correspond with this has been fixed on the north side of church within the last few years. These columns also support the architrave, from which springs the coving of ceiling; the coving is pierced between the columns and over the organ similar to the coving over the large windows.

The altar screen is of oak, in three compartments, handsomely carved; on each side of the centre compartment is a three quarter corinthian column supporting an entablature with a broken elliptic pediment.

The panels of the side compartments are bordered with carvings of flowers, with cherubs, shields, and labels at top.



The pulpit is of oak, sexagonal in form, and handsomely carved, with mouldings and a curiously carved representation of a ship in full sail on the front panel, as will be seen in the accompanying illustration.

The pulpit stands on the north side of the communion table, and the reading desks on the south side of same. Beneath and in front of the pulpit stands the font, a plain white marble bason, octagonal in form, standing on a balluster pedestal; this font was removed from the font pew under the gallery, which pew still remains undisturbed.

The walls round the church are pannelled with wainscoting to the height of about 8 feet from the floor. The pews are also of wainscot, and arranged with a centre and two side aisles.

At the west end of the church is a commodious gallery, on the oak pannelled front of which is this inscription:—

This church was repaired A.D. 1858 The Rev Jno. Champneys Minchin, M.A., Rector.

James Wheeler
Henry Williams
William Garratt
Frederick Sacker

} Churchwardens of St. Mildred's.
}
} Churchwardens of St. Mary Colechurch.

In the centre of the gallery front is the arms of the royal house of Stuart.

In the gallery is a small organ, bearing the inscription :—

"This Organ was built by George England and was presented to the Church A.D. 1778 by Mrs. Wylde."

The west end of church, under the gallery, is enclosed with a glass screen and doors, forming a lobby to the entrance from the Poultry under the tower of church.

Suspended from the centre of ceiling is a brass (candle) branch bearing date "Anno Domini 1778."

In A.D. 1708, the church was described as being paved with purbeck stone, and the chancel with black and white marble ; part of the paving of sanctuary and chancel still remains, but the other has given place to a pavement of Minton's tiles.

The tower, to which access is obtained by a narrow spiral staircase in its south-west angle, contains the clock and bell chamber, but only one bell now remains, without date or inscription ; its key is E natural.

The communion plate is modern, the old plate, with the exception of a small spoon or strainer, having been sold or exchanged for new, some years since.

Of the exterior, which is executed in Portland stone, it is needless to make any remark, the illustrations of the two principal fronts fully delineating the style and character of its architecture.

The north front is plain.

This church was erected from the design, and under the supervision of Sir Christopher Wren, at a cost of 4,654*l.* 9*s.* 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.* ;* the length internally is 55 feet, by a width of 39 feet, 6 in. ; and the height from floor to ceiling 34 feet, 9 in.

* Allen's London, Vol. 3, p. 374.

The tower is about 75 feet in height.

The vestry house stands adjoining the church, on the north side, and contains a commodious vestry room 28 feet, 6 in. in length, 12 feet, 2 in. wide, and 10 feet high, pannelled with wainscot, with some bold carving over the fireplace; the room is well lighted by three large windows overlooking the churchyard.

In the vestry room is an old chest, the internal face of the lid is ornamented, but has been much disfigured by repairs; the front is incised with grotesque representations of animals and other decorations; I infer this to be the chest mentioned in the inventory of church goods as "One large Cyprus Chest."

On the north side of church is a small burial ground, which, from its present limited extent, appears to have been much encroached upon in days past. It is enclosed with a dwarf wall, and iron railing and gate next St. Mildred's Court.

In the Church are the following Monuments and inscriptions:—

On a flat black marble slab forming the floor under the communion table, within the rails, is this inscription:—

UNDER THE COMMUNION TABLE IN Y^E VAULT
IS DEPOSITED THE BODY OF JOHN LORYMER,
LATE OF LONDON, ESQUIRE, WITH TWO
OF HIS CHILDREN SAMUEL AND SARAH.

HERE LYETH ALSO THE BODY
OF FRANCES LORYMER THE RELICT OF
THE SAID JOHN LORYMER, ESQUIRE, WHO
DYED SEPTEMBER THE IX, MDCLXXIV.

HERE ALSO IS BURIED THE BODY OF DOCTOR
WILLIAM CROUNE,* ONE OF THE FELLOWS OF

* A.B. 1650, A.M. 1654, Fellow of Emanuel Coll., Cambridge, First Secretary of the Royal Society, Fellow of the College of Physicians. First husband of Lady Sadlier, who from respect to his memory founded the Algebra Lectures (that bear her name) of Emanuel College.

THE ROYAL SOCIETIE, AND OF THE
COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS IN LONDON,
WHO DYED THE XII DAY OF OCTOBER
MDCLXXXIV,

AND HATH LEFT BEHIND HIM HIS
SORROWFULL WIDDOW MARY CROUNE,
DAUGHTER OF THE SAID

JOHN AND FRANCES LORYMER,
WHICH SAID MARY AFTERWARDS INTERMARRIED WITH
S^r EDWIN SADLEIR OF TEMPLE DINSLEY IN Y^e COUNTY
OF HERTFORD, BARR^r, AND LYES INTERRED HERE. SHE
DYED THE 30TH SEPT^R 1706.

On a marble tablet on pier of the East wall over the Reading Desk :—

Under the Communion Table in the Rectors Vault
Is deposited the Body
of JOHN LORIMER M. D.

Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians,
and the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

He was the only Son of John Lorimer
of Aldnaboyle in the Parish of Mortlach
Banffshire, N. Britain,

Educated at the Marischall College of Aberdeen,
and afterwards in the University of Edinburgh.

In 1758 He was appointed an Army-Surgeon ;
In 1762-3

He was Chief Surgeon to the British Forces
in the Island of Belleisle, on the Coast of France ;

And after that Peace
was appointed Hospital Surgeon in West Florida ;
He then took his Degree of M.D.

In 1782-3

He was Inspector of all the Regimental Hospitals
for the British Forces in North America,
And the 5th Jan^y 1791 was appointed Physician
to the Hon^{ble} the United East India Company.

In every successive Station
He gained additional Credit,

And at last, it may truly be said, that
 "He died in his Duty"
 the 13th day of July 1795,
 Aged 62 Years.

On the corresponding pier of wall, between the windows
 and over the pulpit, on a white marble monument :—

P.M.S.

Reverendi Viri GEORGII MARTIN, A.M.

JOHANNI Baroni de SOMERS, Summo Angliæ Cancellario,
 à sacris domesticis, Ecclesiarum Cathedralium Norovicensis & Lincolnensis
 Præbendarii.

Et hujus per annos viginti quinque
 Fidissimi & dilectissimi Pastoris.

Ob. Jan. 3 ; An. Ætat } 74
 Dom. } 1722

Optimo Patri,
 Unica Filia MARIA TALBOT,
 Hoc Monumentum posuit.

On the North wall on the pier, between large window and
 window over the north entrance, are the Arms of the Royal
 House of Hanover from 1801 to 1836.

On the same wall, on the pier near the gallery front, on a
 small white marble tablet :—

NEAR THIS PLACE
 LIE THE MORTAL REMAINS OF
 EMILY
 THE BELOVED WIFE OF
 WILLIAM HARE, of KING STREET,
 CHEAPSIDE ;
 WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
 ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY, 1837,
 IN THE 45TH YEAR OF HER AGE,
 LEAVING AN ONLY SON
 AND BEREAVED HUSBAND
 WHO DEEPLY DEPLORE HER LOSS.
 WILLIAM, SON OF THE ABOVE, DEPARTED
 THIS LIFE 1st Dec^r 1850, Aged 35 YEARS.

On the South wall, on a plain white marble mural tablet, surmounted by a moulded cornice :—

P.M.S.

Reverendi Viri GULIELMI JOHNSON A.M.

Qui fuit

STRATFORDIÆ CONNECTICUTTENSIVM in NOVA ANGLIA natus,
Et in COLL. YALENSI, Novi Portûs in eadem Provinciâ, educatus
Literisq; Latinis, Græcis & Hebraicis, atq; Philosophia & Theologia,
pro ætate, non mediocriter doctus,

Postea vero COLL. REG. NOV. EBORACI Socius fidissimus
Vir, integra pietate probitate insigni ac pari Modestia :

Apud Nos

A Societate de provendo Evangelio benigne acceptus,

Et ad Sacros Ordines

Atq; ad Magistris in Artibus Gradum &

Oxon : & Cant : provectus,

Concionator optimus audit :

At tandem !

Omine in fausto Variolis correptus,

Læta beatæ Immortalitatis Spe

denuo decessit

Iunii die 20^{mo} A.D. MDCCLVI, Ætatis 26^{to}.

Hoc Monumentum

Fratris charissimi G. SAMUELIS JOHNSON, A.M. & J C'te Impensis,

Pater ejus, Vir admodum Reverendus, S JOHNSON STP.

atq; Coll. Reg. Novi Eboraci Præses,

poni curavit.

On the South wall, and on the west side of the last mentioned monument, is a sarcophagus-shaped white marble tablet, surmounted by a marble bust, attributed to Nollekens, with this inscription :—

Near this Place

Are deposited the mortal Remains of ANN SIMPSON, Wife of JAMES SIMPSON LINEN DRAPER of this Parish ; who erected this Monument to her Memory, in Testimony of his great and sincere Affection for her. Twenty Seven Years they lived together, in mutual Love, Confidence and domestic Felicity. She was a good Wife, an affectionate Mother, a generous and faithful Friend : possessed indeed of every amiable Virtue which adorns the Christian, and renders the Woman estimable. She was at once a Model to her Sex, and the Delight of her Family. The Loss of her is lamented by all who knew her ; (for to know was to love and esteem her) a Loss most sensibly felt, by her most affectionate Brothers, WILLIAM & HENRY HANSON, Merchants of this City, and by all the surviving Family. In full and confident Hope, of a happy Reunion with her Family, at the Resurrection of the Dead, she departed on the 23d of August 1785, in the 49th Year of her Age.

She had Four Sons and Three Daughters : Her eldest Daughter ANN, an amiable Girl died February 22nd 1779 at the Age of 20 ; & sleeps with her in the same Grave ;

Her eldest Son JAMES, whose promising Abilities gave Hope of future Eminence, as his filial Piety, and good Conduct had render'd him an Honour and Comfort to his Family, in his Passage homeward from the East Indies, died February the 18, 1785, aged 22, and lies buried in the great Deep.

Also Sacred to the Memory of

Mr JAMES SIMPSON, who died 16th June 1794,

Aged 66

The continuator of Stowe, and other Historians mention a black marble grave-stone on the south side of the chancel to the memory of Ruth Hutchinson, wife of William Hutchinson, of Newcastle, merchant, 1688, and also to the memory of Thomas Hutchinson, his grandson, 1695. Probably this still exists under the floor of the reading-desk, as I find the reading desk formerly stood on the north side of communion-table, under the pulpit.

In the churchyard a few stones and inscriptions still remain.

On a metal plate affixed to wall between the first and second windows of vestry :—

Beneath

Lie the Remains of

PATRICK

Son of

Edward & Katherine M^o Morland.

Obiit Augst 20, 1817,

Ætas 23 Months & 3 days.

On a headstone fixed to the wall of vestry-room under the inscription to the memory of Rebecca Barton :—

THE FAMILY GRAVE

OF

ROBERT AND SARAH JENNINGS.

ELIZA JENNINGS,

DIED 6TH NOVEMBER 1820,

AGED 5 MONTHS & 2 DAYS.

On a metal plate affixed to the wall of vestry room between the second and third window :—

SACRED TO THE MEMORY
of Rebecca Barton
Daughter of
JOHN & REBECCA BARTON
 of Boston Lincolnshire,
who departed this Life
 September 12th 1817,
 AGED 24 YEARS.

In addition to the before-mentioned there are three head stones standing next wall of the house on the west side.

The first is to the memory of Mr. Edmund Bick, who died April 20, 1772, also to the memory of Mrs. Anne Bick, his wife 1773 ; this stone is much decayed, and a portion of the inscription obliterated.

On the second stone, W. W. died Dec. 30 1764, aged 11 months, also the names of Anne White and William White, the remainder of the inscription being obliterated by decay.

The third stone is to the memory of George Wiltshire, Esq^{re}., many years an inhabitant of the Parish, who died 23rd March, 1821, aged 70 years ; also to the memory of Elizabeth, the Relict of the said George Wiltshire, Esq^{re}., who died 7 May, 1829, in the 80th year of her age.

On the north side of burial ground, next the wall of house, is a head stone with an inscription to the effect that four sons of Edmund and Elizabeth Bick lye there interred, but the name of Joseph, who died December 26th, 1730, is the only one legible.

On the same side next wall, and on the east of the last mentioned, is a small monumental tablet of stone, surmounted by a funeral urn carved in relief, with the following inscription :—

UNDERNEATH
ARE DEPOSITED THE REMAINS
OF
MR. WILLIAM HENRY ELLIOT,
LATE APOTHECARY TO THE CITY DISPENSARY,
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
THE 30th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1815.

The benefice of St. Mildred with St. Mary Colechurch, is valued at the present time at 269*l.* per annum.*

The patronage of rectory of St. Mildred, previous to the dissolution of the monastic establishments,—temp. King Hen. VIII.,—belonged to the prior and convent of St. Mary Overy, and at the suppression of that monastery, it passed to the Crown, in whom it is still vested.

The patronage of St. Mary Colechurch, being the property of the Mercers' company, the presentation to the rectory is made alternately by the Lord High Chancellor, on behalf of the Crown, and the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the Mercers' company.

The present Rector is the Rev. John Champneys Minchin, M.A., who was admitted to the benefice in 1837.

The estimated population of the two parishes in 1870 amounted to 421 persons.

Arrangements have been made, under the provisions of the Act or Acts of Parliament for the union of benefices, with the approval of the Bishop of London, the patrons, and vestries of the four parishes interested, to unite this with the already united benefices of St. Olave, Old Jewry, and St. Martin Pomeroy, and consolidate them into one benefice by the name and style of "The United Rectory of St. Olave, Jewry, with St. Martin Pomeroy, St. Mildred, Poultry, and St. Mary Colechurch." And the same has

* Clergy List, 1871.

been confirmed by an order of the Queen in Council, the arrangements or scheme providing for the union to take place if both the present benefices shall be vacant ; but, if only one shall be vacant, the union also to take place providing the incumbent of the other consent to become incumbent of the united benefice ; but if not, then the union to take place at the next vacancy of his benefice ; and, if both the present benefices shall be full, then the union to take place upon the next vacancy of either of them, etc., etc.

It also provides that if, before the union shall have taken place, the incumbent for the time being of either of the said two present benefices shall, with the consent of the bishop, retire from his incumbency in order that the union may take immediate effect, the incumbent so retiring is to receive out of the annual income of the united benefice, by way of compensation, a yearly sum equal in amount to the next annual value of the tithe, tithe rent-charge, and endowments annexed to his incumbency during the remainder of his life, or until he shall accept any other church preferment of an equal or a greater amount than the said annual sum, etc., etc., the said annual sum to be charged upon the annual income of the united benefice and payable out of the same by the incumbent for the time being.

It also provides that, upon the union taking effect, the present church of the parishes of St. Olave, Old Jewry with St. Martin Pomeroy, shall become, and thereafter continue, the parish church of the said united benefice. The expence of maintaining the fabric of the said parish church to be borne by the four parishes of the united benefice.

Further, it is provided that the font, communion table, and sacramental plate, used in the present church of the parishes of St. Mildred with St. Mary Colechurch, shall be transferred to the parish church of the united benefice ; but if, in the opinion of the bishop, the same, or any portion thereof, be not required, then so much as may not be required shall be transferred to such other church or chapel within the diocese as the bishop shall select.

Provision is also made as to the tenure of the office of parish clerk and sexton, and their respective salaries, and it is further provided that the endowments of the united benefice may at any time, after the union, be made subject to the payment of an annual rent-charge in perpetuity,—not exceeding the annual sum of 130*l.*—in favour of the benefice of St. John, Clerkenwell, which sum may be charged upon any part or parts of the same endowments, etc.; and upon the union taking effect, the church of St. Mildred is to be taken down, the site and materials sold, and the pulpit, bells, clock, organ, and other furniture and fittings, reserved, to be appropriated, if required, for the use of the church proposed to be provided for the district of St. Paul, Clerkenwell, but if not so required and appropriated, then the same are to be sold.

Also, that, before the site of the church shall be offered for sale, the Commissioners of Sewers for the City of London shall have the option of purchasing—at the price of 4,000*l.*—for the purpose of widening the street called “The Poultry,” a part (the extent being fixed) of the site of the church fronting on the same street.

It is also provided that, out of the net profits which shall be realized by the sale or sales of the materials and site of the church, there shall be appropriated—first, a sum of 9,000*l.* for and towards the erection of a new church within the limits of the district of St. Paul, Clerkenwell, and the acquisition of a site for such church; secondly, a sum not exceeding 2000*l.* towards altering or rebuilding the house proposed to be appropriated as the residence of the rector of the united benefice; thirdly, a sum which, invested in 3 per Centum Annuities of the Bank of England, will produce a clear annual income of 50*l.*, to be appropriated towards the permanent increase of the endowment of the benefice of St. Andrew by the Wardrobe with St. Ann, Blackfriars; and fourthly, a sum of 4,000*l.* to be paid to the vestry of

the united benefice, such sum, or the interest thereof only, or some portion of the capital, to be applied by them at their discretion in repairing, and keeping in repair, the said church of St. Olave, Jewry, and in putting the same into a fit and proper condition to become the church of the united benefice, and in reseating the same, under the provisions of the Act 23 and 24 Victoria, section 28 ; the remainder of the net proceeds of the sale of the said materials and site to constitute part of the fund to be provided under, and for the purposes of, the twenty-second section of the same Act.

The patronage of the said united benefice to become wholly vested in the Crown. The Mercers' company, in exchange for the loss of their alternate turn or right of presentation to the present rectory of St. Mildred with St. Mary Colechurch, to have and possess the alternate turn or right of presentation to the rectory of St. Andrew in the Wardrobe with St. Ann, Blackfriars.

It is further provided that Alice Pawsey, the present organist of the church, shall have an annual sum of 15*l*. (being half her present salary), by way of compensation for the loss of the said office, such annual sum to commence from the day the church is finally closed for divine service, and to continue during her life, but this yearly payment to cease providing she should be appointed the paid organist of the church of the proposed united benefice.*

The Order of her Majesty the Queen in Council confirming the before-mentioned arrangement or scheme bears date 19th August, 1871.

The church is now closed for divine service, the last service in the same having been celebrated on Sunday, 26th Novem-

* Scheme of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for uniting the benefice of St. Olave, Old Jewry, with St. Martin Pomery, and the benefice of St. Mildred, Poultry, with St. Mary Colechurch, 1870.

ber, 1871. The Rev. H. Sampson, in charge for the rector, officiating.

The remains of all those who lie buried in the church and church-yard will be carefully removed to the City of London Cemetery, at Ilford, co. Essex, upon the demolition of the church, unless previously claimed and removed by friends or relations.

The names of the churchwardens of both parishes for 1871-2, are as follows :—

Roger Cunliffe, Esqre.	}	Churchwardens of St. Mildred's.
R. S. Wilkinson, Esqre.		
William Pitt Brook, Esqre.	}	Churchwardens of St. Mary Colechurch.
J. M. Hart, Esqre.		

J. W. Billinghamurst, Esqre., is the respected vestry clerk to both parishes, which office he has ably filled for some years past.

The following is a list of the several rectors of St. Mildred from the earliest recorded presentation to the present time.

RECTORS.

John de Assewell, presented 2 May, 1325.

Robert Derby (he was presented rector of Southchurch, co. Essex, 5 May, 1329.)

William Pinchbeck.

John Vine. I place him here on the authority of his will, dated on Monday next after the Feast of St. Michael (29 Sept.), 1374, and proved in the Commissary Court of London, 3 July, 1375, in which he styles himself rector of St. Mildred, Poultry, and bequeaths (with other bequests which I have noticed at page 3) to the fabric of the church, 13s. 4d.

Newcourt omits to notice him in his list of the rectors of this church, but under St. Mildred, Bread Street, mentions the institution of John at Vine, as rector of that church, on the 15 Oct., 1370, upon the resignation of Simon Abbot. Although both churches were then in the patronage of the Prior and Convent of St. Mary Overy, it is improbable that two rectors bearing the same surname occupied the benefices of St. Mildred, Poultry, and

St. Mildred, Bread Street, coterminously, hence we may assume Newcourt to have erroneously assigned him under the name of John at Vine to St. Mildred, Bread Street.

William Deken.

Simon Brampton, 3 July, 1398, on resignation of Deken.

Walter Treen, 15 October, 1398, on resignation of Brampton.

John Rothwell.

Thomas Smith, 22 Feb., 1431, on death of Rothwell, having previously been rector of St. Martin Pomeroy, Ironmonger Lane.

John Sneynton, 22 July, 1433, on resignation of Smith.

John Saxton, 25 July, 1435, on resignation of Sneynton.

John Weston, A.M., 20 Oct., 1454, on resignation of Saxton, collated to the prebend of Sneating, 16 May, 1459.

Richard Bowyer, 15 Aug., 1455, on resignation of Weston.

Richard Appleton, 28 May, 1471, on death of Bowyer, having previously held the rectory of Stanwell.

John Cooke, L.D., 1 March, 1479.

Henry Aynsworth, L.D., 17 Nov., 1483, on resignation of Cooke, having previously been rector of St. Martin Pomeroy, Ironmonger Lane.

Robert Michell, 22 Mar., 1517, on death of Aynsworth.

John Smith, S.T.B., 21 Sept., 1523, on resignation of Michell.

Robert Harvey,* L.B., 15 Feb., 1527, on resignation of Smith.

John Weale, A.M., 4 June, 1541, on attainder of Harvey;† he was afterwards rector of Allhallows the Great, to which he was presented in 1543, being then B.D. In 1558, was collated to the prebend of Chamberlainwood, and died before July 2, 1569.

William Pillesworth.‡

Francis Shakleton,§ Cl. 9 Mar., 1575, on death of Pillesworth, afterwards rector of St. John the Baptist, Walbrook.

* Robert Harvey was vicar of Ardley, co. Essex, to which he was presented 15 Oct., 1526, but appears to have made an exchange with John Smith for this rectory.

† What he was attainted for does not appear.

‡ Buried in the church.

§ Buried in the church.

George Turner,* 3 Jan., 1582, on death of Shakleton.

Thomas Sorocold,* A.M., 22 Oct., 1590, on death of Turner.

Nathaniel Shute,* A.M., 1617, having previously held the rectory of St. Margaret Moses, Friday Street, to which he was presented 4 Feb., 1613.

Richard Maden,† S.T.B., 17 Sept., 1638, on death of Shute.

These names occur in the parish register after that of Richard Maden :—

Francis Woodcock, pastor, 1644.

Henry Scudder, pastor, 1645-1646.

George Smalewood, pastor, 1647-1660.

Richard Perrinchief, S.T.B. ; he was admitted to the rectory soon after the restoration of Charles II. in 1660—the precise time does not appear. He was rector when the church was rebuilt after the great fire, but was again instituted as rector of the united benefices of St. Mildred and St. Mary Colechurch, 1 Feb., 1671. In 1667 he was collated to the prebend of Chiswick.

John Williams, A.M.,* 4 Sept., 1673, on death of Perrinchief. In 1683 he was collated to the prebend of Rugmere, and on 10 Dec., 1696, was promoted to the Bishopric of Chichester.

George Martin,* A.M., 19 Feb., 1696, on promotion of Williams to the Bishopric of Chichester. He was also prebendary of Norwich, —he died in 1722.

Robert Breton, D.D.—his name appears in the church register in 1721 and 1724. Malcolm in his *Londinium Redivivum*, vol. 4, p. 533, says that he had been presented previous to 1723, by the Lord High Chancellor, whose appointment was disputed by the Mercers' company, but confirmed by a legal decision.

Edward Leven, M.A., was also appointed by the Lord High Chancellor, but the Mercers' company resisted this second presentation, and appointed William Wallis, M.A. ; the dispute was carried to the King's Bench, and decided in favour of the Mercers' company.

William Wallis,* M.A., . . . 1726, on resignation of Breton.

Benjamin Newcombe, D.D., 30 Mar., 1748, Dean of Rochester, prebendary of Worcester, and rector of Lamberherst, co. Kent—he died 22 July, 1775.

* Buried in the church.

† Maden was ejected by sequestration and went beyond sea.

Robert Antony Bromley, B.D., Aug., 1775, on death of Newcombe, of Trinity College, Cambridge, lecturer of St. John's Hackney, S.T.B., 1784, and had been preacher to the Foundling Hospital. He died 10 Oct., 1806.

R Crawley,* M.A., 1806, on death of Bromley.
 Wallace.†

John Champneys Minchin, M.A., 1837, the present rector, 1872.

[Since the preceding pages have been set up in type, my friend, H. W. King, Esq., *Honorary Secretary of the Essex Archaeological Society*, has suggested, with reference to the representation of a ship on the panel of pulpit (*see page 87*) and the ship on the vane of tower, that they are intended as emblematic of the endeavours of St. Mildred—in common with the heads of the other monasteries—to benefit the people by the introduction of trade and navigation, and has further directed my attention to the fact that it is recorded that St. Mildred and her successors possessed a vessel which regularly traded with the port of London, probably conveying wheat which the island of Thanet plentifully supplied.]

CHARITIES AND GIFTS.

Both parishes have from time to time been the recipients of charitable bequests and donations, as will be seen by the following brief account, which I have arranged as nearly as possible according to their respective dates.

THE PARISH OF ST. MILDRED.

Butler's Charity.

Sir William Butler, Knight,† citizen and grocer of London, by will, dated 6th August, 1529, and proved in the

* Buried in the church.

† Seymour's London, Vol. 1, B. 3, p. 534.

‡ Sheriff of London in 1507, and Lord Mayor 1515, Alderman of the Ward of Cheap; buried in the chapel of St. Thomas of Acon, afterwards called Mercers' Chapel.

Hustings' Court, Guildhall, on the Monday next after the Feast of Saint Benedict the Abbot (21 March), 27 Hen. 8,* A.D. 1536, gave certain messuages and lands to the Grocers' company, 5*l.* 10*s.* per annum of the rents of the same to be expended by them equally for ever in the city of London ; 12*s.* per annum of which sum he directs shall be expended yearly for ever in the purchase of "charcoles to be distributed & delte to & among^e the power pisshens of y^e pishe of Saynt Mildrede in the pultrye," at the Feast of All Saints, to pray for his soul ; he further bequeaths "to the Curate of the said pishe churche" "alwaye vpon the Daye of" his "obite or wⁱⁿ iij dayes than next ensuyng^e xij*d.*," to pray for his soul, the souls of his wife, his father, mother, and his children, "among^e other soulle conteyned in the Bed-roll comendyng the same Soulle to the devoute prayers of the pisshens eu^{ry} sondaye accordyng to the laudable custome vsed in holy church ;" and, in addition, he directs "that the said wardeyns or kepers shall yerely & ppetually vpon y^e day of keypyng of my said obite Distribute t̄ Dele vnto eu^{ry} of the poore housholders Dwellyng wⁱⁿ the courte of grocers hall iij*d.* to praye for my Soulle And the Residue of the said v̄ ti xs the said charg^e borne ;" he directs to be yearly for ever distributed to and amongst the poor people of the parish of St. Mildred, "peny mele as farre as the same Residue wolle extende."[†]

The before-mentioned amount of 12*s.* is stated in the Charity Commissioners' Reports, 1823,[‡] to be annually received from the Grocers' company, and with other sums derived from the Hale, Thomlynson, and Tudnam charities,

* Roll 241, m. 14.

† Also referred to in the Donors' Book, f. 1.

‡ Charity Commissioners' Reports, Vol. VIII., p. 271.

amounting in all to eight guineas, is given away on Christmas eve to the poor parishioners.

Thomlynson's Charity.

Thomas Thomlynson *alias* Towreson, citizen and merchant Taylor, by will, dated 6th April, A.D. 1567, proved in the Hustings' Court, London, on the Monday next after the Feast of St. George the Martyr (23 April), 11 Elizabeth,* A.D. 1569, after desiring to be buried within the parish church of St. Mildred, of which he describes himself a parishioner,† gives 3s. 4d. to the parson of the church of St. Mildred for tithes forgotten, etc., and also bequeaths 40s. to the churchwardens of the parish, "by them to be destributed that ys to say vpon eu^y sonday in the seyde yere next ensuyng my decease one pcell thereof vntill the seid fortie shillinge be fully dystributed to & amonge the seid poore householders" of the parish of St. Mildred, and further directs that his executors shall for two years next after his decease, between the Feasts of All Saints and Christmas, "in eu^y of the seid twoo yeres pvyde & buy two carte lodes of Coles of the price of fyftene or syxtene shillinge the loade;" also, "that the same Coles so being bought & pvyded shalbe geuen & destributed to & amongst the poore & most nedy householders of the forseyd pische of Seynt Myldrede." He also bequeathed 26s. 8d. to provide four sermons to be made and preached in the said parish church of St. Mildred "by some godly lerned man within one yere next after" his decease—viz., for every sermon 6s. 8d.

He also devises his messuage or tenement, in which he was dwelling at the time of making his will, situate in the parish

* Roll 256, m. 7 Dorso.

† Buried in the church. See extract from Register.

of St. Mildred, first, to Elizabeth, his wife, for and during her life, with a proviso that she should "euⁿry yere yerely in the coldest or hardest tyme of wynter during her seid lyffe tyme at her own pper cost^e & charg^e pvyde & buye two carte loades of Coles of the price of syxtene shillinge the lode & the same so bought & pvyded to be geven & dystributed by the dyscrecon of my executors affore named to & among^e the poore & moste nedy people inhabyting within the pish of St. Myldrede in the pultrye;" and, after the decease of his said wife, he wills the said messuage, etc., to the Master and Wardens of the Merchant Taylors' company and their successors, subject to the continuance of the same yearly charge or bequest to the parish, and also to pay 20s. out of the profits or rent of the said messuage to Christ's Hospital; but, if the said hospital should be dissolved, with reference to which he says, "god defende," then the said 20s. to be yearly given and distributed amongst the poor people of the said parish of St. Mildred.

In the report of the Charity Commissioners, 1823, it states that the banking house of Sir John Lubbock and Co. (now the Union Bank), is supposed to be subject to this charge, and that the house then belonged to the Goldsmiths' company under a lease from the Merchant Taylors for one thousand years subject to a rent of 60*l.* per annum, but the 32*s.* was annually received from the Merchant Taylors' company and dispensed as referred to in the preceding charity.*

Dane's alias Deane's Charity.

Margaret Dane, *alias* Deane, by will, dated the 16th May, A.D. 1579, gave to the Master, Wardens, and Company, of Ironmongers, in trust, a sum of money to be lent out

* Donors' Book, f. 1, Charity Commissioners' Reports, Vol. VIII., p. 271.

amongst 20 young men of the company for 3 years at a time, and so on from time to time, at not more than 5 per cent. interest.* The company yearly to pay certain amounts set forth in the will, including a specified number of faggots to be distributed amongst the several wards of London ; of this charity 5s. per annum is duly received by the parish of St. Mildred.†

Lambert and Stiles' Charity.

Alderman Robert Lambert, citizen and grocer, by will, dated A.D. 1590, gave a sum of money to the Grocers' company, in trust, to be distributed, after the expiration of 21 years, amongst poor people inhabiting within the 25 wards of the City of London, and Nicholas Stiles, by will, dated A.D. 1615,‡ gave a like sum of money, and to the same intent and trusts as his late master, Alderman Lambert. Of this united charity 16s. per annum is due, and paid to the parish of St. Mildred once in every 16 years.§ From an entry in the Donors' book of the parish, 16s. appears to have been received the 23rd February, A.D. 1642, from the hands of Mr. Bunbury (clerk to the Grocers' company).

Hale's Gift and Charity.

Richard Hale, citizen and grocer of London, in A.D. 1591, gave to the parish a gilt plate cup and cover, also a plate for the bread at the sacrament, weighing 43 oz. 3 dwts., which plate an entry in the Donors' book states, that, having "grown old was by the consent of the parishioners exchanged

* Endowed Charities of the City of London, p. 519.

† Donors' Book, f. 5.

‡ Old Will Book of the parish of St. Sepulchre's, Smithfield.

§ Donors' Book, f. 5.

for silver plate, but the value not in the least diminished.”* He also gave by will 100*l.* to the Grocers’ company to be lent to two young men of the company upon security for repayment, the interest arising from the same to be expended in the purchase of 400 Kentish or Essex faggots about the Feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, 200 for the relief of the poor of St. Dunstons in the East, and the other 200 for the relief the poor of the parish of St. Mildred.†

From the report of the Charity Commissioners, 1823,‡ it appears that the sum of 1*l.* 4*s.* per annum was received from the Grocers’ company, and forms part of the amount distributed to the poor at Christmas. This sum of 1*l.* 4*s.* appears to have been fixed by a decree of the Court of Chancery.§

Lane’s Charity.

Thomas Lane, scrivener, of the parish of St. Mildred, by will, dated 24th August, A.D. 1594, gave to the parson and churchwardens of the parish for ever, his house, and the cellar adjoining with their appurtenances, situate and being “over and against London wall, near Bishopsgate,” the rents of the same to go towards the repairs of the church and the relief the poor inhabitants at the discretion of the most substantial inhabitants who shall have served the office of churchwarden.

He also devised that the most discreet men of the parish be elected vestry men to order matters relating to the church, that being the condition on which he left the said house to the parish ; but, if such choice should not be had

* Donors’ Book, f. 1.

† Charity Commissioners’ Reports, Vol. IX., p. 278.

‡ Charity Commissioners’ Reports, Vol. VIII., p. 271.

§ *Ibid.*, Vol. IX., p. 278.

and continued in the parish, then the house was to go to his cousin John Turnor. He further directed that 20s. be allowed upon the day of audit for the recreation of all who have been churchwardens and their wives.*

In the Charity Commissioners' Report, 1823,† it is stated that the house was situate in Wormwood Street, with the yard adjoining at the back, and which yard then formed part of the premises of the Vine Inn, Bishopsgate Street; also that the rent was carried to the general parish fund from which the repairs of the church were defrayed and the poor relieved.

Watson's Gift.

William Watson, by will dated 28th February, A.D. 1628, gave a sum of 100*l.* to the parishioners of St. Mildred, towards the maintenance of a lecture to be delivered in the church on the first Wednesday in the month for ever;‡ of this 100*l.* only 65*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* appears to have been received, and possibly in consequence the lecture was never established, as the books afford no further information respecting it.

Hodgson's Bequest.

John Hodgson, citizen and upholder of London,§ by will, dated 6th May, A.D. 1628, proved at London the 21st same month,|| gave to the poor people of the parish of St. Mildred (in which he describes himself as then dwelling), 20 chaldrons of "sea coales," four chaldrons to be distributed

* Donors' Book, f. 32.

† Charity Commissioners' Reports, Vol. VIII., p. 271.

‡ Donors' Book, f. 4.

§ Buried in the chancel, 27 May, 1628. *Vide* Registers.

|| Principal Registry, Barrington, 39.

amongst them yearly in the winter season until the whole should be expended. He also bequeathed Mr. Nathaniel Shute, the then parson of the church, 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Boyse's Bequest.

Richard Boyse, citizen and clothworker of London,* by will dated 5th June, A.D. 1630, gave to Mr. Shute, parson of the parish of St. Mildred, 20*s.* to make him a ring in token of remembrance, and 40*s.* to the poor of the parish, to be distributed among them at the discretion of the churchwardens. He also desires that all such writings and deeds which concerned his daughter and grandchild should be enclosed in a box and locked and kept in the chest belonging to the parish of St. Mildred, under the hands of the parson and churchwardens for the time being, and he gives to the said parson, churchwardens, and other parishioners, that they should be careful of them, 20*l.* to be paid them after the rate of 20*s.* per annum for 20 years after his decease, the said sum of 20*s.* to be paid them on every Holy Thursday towards the expense of a dinner; but if they declined to keep the said writings, etc., then the legacy was to become void.†

Croshawe's Gift.

Richard Croshawe, citizen and goldsmith, by will dated 26th April, A.D. 1631,‡ bequeathed 50*l.* unto the parish of St. Mildred,§ to be distributed amongst poor tradesmen and women of the parish, it being, as he says, "my earnest

* Buried 2 March, 163½, "in the vault, being the first that was buried in it after it was taken in for buriall ground." *Vide* Registers.

† Donors' Book, f. 2.

‡ Endowed Charities of the City of London, p. 399.

§ He also made a like bequest to 6 other parishes.

desire and intreatie y^t noe p^t of this my guift be given but to such as either doe or honestly have labored for there liuing.”*

Winch's Request.

Sibbell Winch, widow,† by will dated 30th September, A.D. 1631, and proved at London the 9th of November following,‡ after desiring to be buried in St. Mildred's church, near to the place where her husband, Daniel Winch, was buried, bequeathed 20*l.* to the parson and churchwardens for the time being, to be added to the stock or monies of the parish, and she also further bequeathed 8*l.* to the said parson and churchwardens to be distributed after the rate of *32*s.* per annum for 5 years after her decease in wood or coal amongst the poorest of the parish on every feast day of St. Michael the Archangel.§ .

Hawes's Bequest.

Thomas Hawes, citizen and salter, of London, by will dated 12th September, A.D. 1633, and proved in London 15th December, A.D. 1634,|| charged his estate at Leesney, in the county of Kent—which he gave after his decease and the decease of his wife to the governors of Christ's Hospital—with the payment of 5*l.* per annum to the parish of St. Mildred “towards the providing of bread and wine for the communion-table for ever.”¶ This annuity

* Donors' Book, f. 4.

† Buried in the church 2 November, 1631. *Vide Register.*

‡ Principal Registry St. John, 117.

§ Donors' Book, f. 3.

|| Principal Registry, Seagar, 107 ; also enrolled in Court of Hustings, Guildhall. Roll. 322, f. 86.

¶ Donors' Book, f. 6.

is regularly received from the Hospital, and carried to the churchwardens general account.

Shute's Gift.

The Rev. Nathaniel Shute,* who was rector of the parish for many years, for some years prior to his decease gave the poor of the parish every Sunday after the service, 6 loaves of bread of the value of 4d. each.†

Dixon's Gift and Charity.

On the 5th November, A.D. 1652, Henry Dixon, citizen and draper, of London (being then a householder in the parish), gave unto the parishioners of St. Mildred, for their use at the Sacrament, "one Silver flagon waying w^a 52 oz. 14 penny weight & a leather case to keepe it in," with an understanding that it was not to be used otherwise than at the Sacrament.‡

He also, by his will dated 9th November, 1693—in which he describes himself, as then being an inhabitant of the town of Enfield—gave all his messuages, lands, etc., situate in Bennington and Munden, in the county of Hertford, and Enfield, to the Drapers' company in trust, that after deducting all charges incident to the said properties, they should dispose of the yearly profits of the same in putting out apprentice to handicraft trades—first, such poor boys wheresoever born as should bear his christian and surname, secondly, such poor boys wheresoever born who should bear his surname only, and for want of such poor boys so named then in putting out apprentice so many poor boys born and resident in the several parishes of Bennington, Enfield, St. Katherine Coleman, and *St. Mildred's in the Poultry*, and

* Buried in the chancel, 11 August, 1638.

† Donors' Book, f. 5.

‡ Donors' Book, f. 7.

for want of such boys, then in placing out apprentice such of the sons of the tenants which should occupy the lands devised, or any part thereof, whose parent or parents should desire the same. He also bequeathed 20s. to the minister of each parish to see that the clause of his will relating to the charity was entered in the vestry book of his respective parish.*

In the Report of the Charity Commissioners, 1823, it states that only one instance is known of the benefits of the charity being claimed for a boy of this parish, which occurred some twenty years previous.†

Whitley's Bequest.

Thomas Whitley, of the parish of St. Mildred, by will dated the 4th April, A.D. 1653, bequeathed 16*l.* per annum for 21 years to be expended as follows : first, to provide eight sermons to be preached yearly during the said twenty-one years in the parish church of St. Mildred's on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Day, Holy Thursday, Whit Sunday, Trinity Sunday, "on the first Sunday in August, for the deliverance of this Land and Nation from the furious Invasion of the Spaniard in 1588, on the fifth of November for the like deliuerance of this Land and Nation from the bloody Papists Conspiracy against the King Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament by Gunpowder," which sermons were to be preached by the parson of the parish for the time being "on a Theam or Text" "sutable to the day or else be void and Null," for he says he "would have the worke of the day done in his one day," and for each sermon the said parson to have 20*s.*, and he also directs that on each day after the sermon appointed, that 20*s.* be distributed amongst the poor of the parish,

* Donors' Book, f. 29—30.

† Charity Commissioners' Reports, Vol. VIII., p. 274.

always including in the number of the poor the six almsmen of the Grocers' company, one-third part of the 20s. to be distributed in bread, and the remainder in money; and the will also provides that "in case the minister be obstinate and will not perform the duties desired, that the 16*l.* per annum be given to the parish of Putney for a like purpose; and if the minister of Putney also neglects to perform the bequest, then the 16*l.* per annum for 21 years to go to Christ's Hospital.

He also bequeathed 50*l.* to the Grocers' company "to be lent to one younge man for two yeeres, he paying one Chaldron of seacoales a yeere to the parrish" "at or against the fifth of November," to be distributed amongst the poor of the parish; and he further bequeathed 5*l.* each to ten maid servants that should remain seven years with one master or mistress in the parish of St. Mildred, to be paid them on their wedding day; and to one "Ransford Waterhous" he bequeathed 50*l.*, to be paid him at the expiration of his apprenticeship, or when 21 years of age, on the condition that he should pay the parish 3*l.* per annum on Ascension Day so long as he should live, which yearly sum he directed should be given to the parishioners for a dinner for them and their wives on that day, the said "Ransford Waterhous" and his wife, if he have one,* to be freely invited to the same.

From an entry in the same book† it appears, as the memorandum expresses it, "a well Disposed Gentⁿ that desires not to be named" gave eight sermons yearly to the parish as follows: "one at the beginning of the month of August, in Commemoration of Gods greate mercy in deliuering this nation from the Invincible Armado of the Spanniardes in the yeere 1588, Another on the 17th of November in Commemoration of God his greate mercy in

* Donors' Book, f. 11.

† *Ibid.*, f. 8.

deliv^{ing} us from under the more then Egiptian bondage of Popish slavery and Restoring true Religion to this Nation. Together with six sermons more to be preached in there seu^{all} seasons at there usuall appoynted times, upon the Doctrines of the Nativity, Passion, Resurrection, Ascension of our Lord Jesus, upon the Coming downe of the Holie Ghost, and the Doctrine of the Trinity, for eu^y of w^{ch} Sermons he" gave the minister preaching the said sermons 15s., and he further gave 10s. on the day of each sermon to the poor. This gift was settled on the parish for 12 years, and from a memorandum in the same book it appears that the sermons were begun in August, 1653. Upon the death of Thomas Whitley, from the similarity of his bequest with the last-mentioned gift, it became known that he was the donor of the said anonymous gift.

Christian's Bequest.

Philip Christian, citizen and clothworker, by will dated 6th December, A.D. 1653, *bequeathed 8*l.* to the poor of the parish to be expended in "sea coales" after the rate of 40*s.* per annum for four years, and he also provided that should Rebecca, his wife, die before the end or expiration of the lease of his house in the Poultry, that 5*l.* of the yearly rent or profit of the said house during the remainder of the term should be distributed amongst the poorest and oldest people of the said parish at Christide in every year after the decease of his said wife until the expiration of the term of the lease.†

Tudnam's Charity.

William Tudnam, citizen and Merchant Taylor, of London‡

* Endowed Charities of the City of London, p. 199.

† Donors' Book, f. 7.

‡ Buried in the chancel vault 5th February, 166½. *Vide* Registers.

(by trade a glass-seller), having, at a Court of Assistants of the Merchant Taylors' company, held 30th April, A.D. 1657, requested the Company to accept the sum of 250*l.* on condition that they should pay 12*l.* per annum for ever for certain charitable purposes, viz., 5*l.* per annum to the parish of St. Mildred on or about the 25th March, to be laid out in "Sea coales when they are at the cheapest rate," to be distributed amongst the poor of the parish, 20*s.* per annum to be paid to the churchwardens for a collation on the day when the coals should be distributed, and a further sum of 3*l.* per annum to be paid to the churchwardens for and towards the repair of the church, and for no other purpose whatsoever, and the residue of 3*l.* per annum towards the expenses of the churchwardens' account dinner, providing that they give up their accounts at or before the 1st June, and that they invite all the vestrymen and their wives to the dinner, but providing the said churchwardens fail to give up their accounts on or before the 1st June, upon the second default made, or if the selected vestry be not continued after the same manner as then they were chosen, the said 3*l.* towards a dinner and the 3*l.* towards the repairs of the church to be paid to the master and wardens of the Merchant Taylors, to be by them distributed to the poor of the said company, which gift of 250*l.* the said company accepted* by a deed poll dated 5th June, 1657.† In the same year he also gave the parishioners "a Cupp wth a Cover of siluⁿ plate waying 32^{oz.} 11^{dwt.} wth his owne Armes engraved on it for their use at the Sacrament and not otherwise."‡ He also by will bequeathed to the governors of Christ's Hospital the sum of 130*l.* on condition that they should once in every five years for ever receive a child out

* Donors' Book, f. 9, 10.

† Charity Commissioners' Reports, Vol. VIII., p. 272.

‡ Donors' Book, f. 10.

of the parish of St. Mildred, if occasion should happen, and the parishioners, or most part of them, should require it, provided that if any child so received into the hospital should continue there, no other child should be received from the parish until such former child should die or be put forth. In virtue of this bequest there is constantly maintained and educated in Christ's Hospital a child from the parish, duly elected by a vestry summoned for the purpose.

He also bequeathed 100*l.* to the parishioners to be as a stock for ever, to be lent to four young men, freemen of London, from time to time, in sums of 25*l.* each, for a term of 4 years at a time, at 20*s.* per annum interest for each sum of 25*l.*, the 4*l.* per annum accruing from these amounts to be expended in providing six sermons to be preached in the parish on the six fast days (in the afternoon) of every year for ever, if so many fast days be kept in every year by authority. The minister preaching the said sermons to have 10*s.* each sermon for his trouble, etc., etc., and he also directs that out of the said 4*l.* per annum 10*s.* per annum shall be paid to the clerk and 10*s.* to the sexton for ever, and he also bequeathed 5*l.* to be distributed amongst the poor people of the parish when there should be most need.* In the Report of the Charity Commission, 1823, it states that the 100*l.* above mentioned was not then lent, neither was there any trace of it in the parish books.†

Best's Gift.

In A.D. 1659, Michael Best, citizen and upholder, of London, being then a householder in the parish, gave the parishioners for their use "a Silver Bason weighing 50½*oz.* with his owne Coat of arms engraved on it."‡

* Donors' Book, f. 13, 14.

† Charity Commissioners' Reports, Vol. VIII., p. 273.

‡ Donors' Book, f. 13.

Tudnam's Charity.

Mrs. Sarah Tudnam,* spinster—and sister to William Tudnam before mentioned—by will bequeathed the sum of 60*l.* to the parishioners of St. Mildred, to be and remain as a stock, in consideration that the churchwardens of the said parish should yearly for ever pay unto the poor widows of the parish 3*l.*, to be equally distributed amongst them on the 21st December in each year. The said sum of 60*l.* was received the 25th August, A.D. 1663, by Mr. John London, then churchwarden.† In the Report of the Charity Commissioners, 1823,‡ it sets forth that nothing was at that time distributed to widows in respect to this charity, nor was anything known of it, or any further mention made of it in the parish books.

Ferriman's Gift.

Bartholomew Ferriman,§ described as an old inhabitant of the parish, on his removal out of the parish gave, the 21st March, A.D. 1687, two guineas to the rector, as a testimony of his respect, and 40*s.* to the poor of the parish.||

Hays's Gift.

Mrs. Mary Hays, by will dated 30th November, A.D. 1710,¶ gave 5*l.* to be distributed amongst the poor of the parish of St. Mildred,** which sum was duly re-

* Buried in the chancel vault 1st January, 1663. *Vide Registers.*

† Donors' Book, f. 15.

‡ Charity Commissioners' Reports, Vol. VIII., p. 273.

§ Buried 29th March, 1693, in the south aisle. *Vide Registers.*

|| Donors' Book, f. 28.

¶ Died about 17th June, 1713. *Donor's Book*, f. 34

** Three other parishes received a like bequest.

ceived and distributed by Mr. Robert Cooper, churchwarden, in 1714.

She also bequeathed 30*l.* to the parish* to apprentice three poor boys born or to be born in the parish, 10*l.* with each, which was accordingly done on receipt of the bequest.†

Clarke's Charity.

Richard Clarke (late clerk of the parish of St. Mildred) by will, dated 14th September, A.D. 1713, gave and bequeathed to the churchwardens of the parish of St. Mildred for the time being and their successors all that his messuage or tenement, situate in Scalding Alley, held by lease from the Grocers' company, from and after the decease of Catherine, his wife, in trust, that they should pay out of the rents thereof 3*l.* per annum towards defraying the charge of the parish dinner, usually made on Ascension day, upon the condition that the widows of such vestrymen who served the office of churchwarden be invited to the dinner if they lived in the parish. Also to pay unto John Ravis, Humphery Richardson, and Hugh Nicholls, being poor men belonging to the parish, 40*s.* each during the term the said lease continued if they so long lived. He also gave and bequeathed to the churchwardens of the parish for the time being, and their successors for ever, all those his copyhold, messuages, lands, and tenements, held by copy of Court Roll of the Manor of Isleworth Sion, in the parish of Twickenham, in the county of Middlesex, then producing about 16*l.* per annum, from and after the several and respective deaths of his wife Catherine, his brother Henry Wyatt, and Anne his wife, his nieces

* Three other parishes also received a similar bequest.

† Donors' Book, f. 34.

Mary and Ann Wyatt, his nephews, John and Andrew Wyatt, and Susanna Wyatt, daughter of the said Andrew Wyatt, to be disposed of at the best price they could get for the same, and the money arising from such sale to be laid out in some public security towards a parish stock for the use of the poor of the said parish.*

In the vestry room is a plan of the property situate at Twickenham, made upon a survey of the property, 6th September, A.D., 1714, on which is delineated an exterior view of the property, and from which the illustration (see p. 124) is taken.

The Charity Commissioners, in 1823,† reported that the property was not sold as directed by the testator, but was then in the possession of the parish, and consisted of a public house known as the "Black Dog," Twickenham, and a small house and butcher's shop, adjoining and were then let on lease at the yearly rent of 6*l*.

At the inclosure of the common lands at Twickenham a small allotment of land was made to the property of about three-quarters of an acre.

Brownel's Gift.

Mrs. Ann Brownel, widow, of the parish of St. Mildred, in her life time, gave unto the parishioners for their use at the sacrament, "one silver flagon wth 54½*oz*." which flagon she directs is not to be used otherwise than at the sacrament.‡

In addition to the foregoing several other gifts of minor character—viz., books, candlesticks, etc., etc., are mentioned with the names of the several donors.

* Donors' Book, f. 35-36.

† Charity Commissioners' Reports, Vol. VIII., p. 274.

‡ Donors' Book, f. 5.

THE PARISH OF ST. MARY COLECHURCH.

Wilson's Gift.

At a vestry, held the 5th April, A.D. 1632, "was given to and for the vse of this parrish for euer by m^r. Robert Wilson of the same parrish Draper two Siluer fflagones way-ing 42 oz^e. 19^d. waight the one & 42 oz^e. 15^d. waight thother ffor Communion pott^e; for w^{ch} bounty the vestry did then promise to ffree the fforesaid m^r. Wilson off all offeces in this Parrish."*

Bonde's Bequest.

A memorandum occurs in the churchwardens' book of accounts, under date 14th November, A.D. 1653, of the receipt of 5*l*. the bequest of Thomas Bonde, Esq., of Wiltshire, to the use of poor widows, parentless children, and poor labouring men of the parish.†

Clarke's Charity.

Richard Clarke (parish clerk to the united parishes) before referred to in the charities connected with St. Mildred parish, by will, dated 14th September, A.D. 1713, bequeathed 50*l*. to the parish of St. Mary Colechurch to be invested so as to produce 40*s*. per annum, to be distributed amongst the poor of the parish, between the 1st and 25th days of December yearly for ever ;‡ for further information respecting this see Jackson's Charity.

* Minutes of Vestry, parish of St. Mary Colechurch, deposited in the Guildhall Library.

† Churchwardens' accounts, parish of St. Mary Colechurch, deposited in the Guildhall Library.

‡ Table of benefactions hanging in the vestry.

Birkhened's Bequest.

From an entry in the churchwardens' account-book, under date 19th August, A.D. 1643, it appears that Roger Birkhened, by will, in which he describes himself of the parish of St. Mary Colechurch, gave and bequeathed 35*l.* to the parson and churchwardens of the parish and their successors, in trust, to the intent that they should yearly for ever "prouide one able godlie and lerned minester that" should "be aboue the age of thirty and one yeares to preach in the sd parish Church one the seaventeenth day of the month of Nouemb^r" "in Remembraunce of the reformation begun by Queene Elizabeth of glorious memorie," and for every sermon he directs that the minister is to receive 25*s.*, and the clerk of the parish for the time being yearly for his attendance 3*s.* This legacy was not received by the parish until the 3d November, 1645.*

Edmonds' Charity.

John Edmonds, blacksmith, formerly of the parish of St. Mary Colechurch, by will, dated 14th December, A.D. 1708, and proved in London A.D. 1709, gave 10*l.* per annum, issuing out of his freehold, consisting of three houses in "Bird-in-Hand Alley," after the decease of his two sisters, to be disposed of every year in putting two poor boys apprentice. He also bequeathed to a society, called the "Society of Cirencester," then held at the Three Tuns, in Wood Street, and to the parish of St. Mary, Battersea, 10*l.* per annum each, issuing from the same property, to be disposed of in like manner.

He further directed that the property should be held in trust by the two churchwardens of St. Mary, Battersea,

* Churchwardens' accounts deposited in the Library of the Corporation of London.

the stewards of the Society of Cirencester, and the churchwardens of St. Mary Colechurch for the purposes before recited.

From the report of the Charity Commissioners it appears that nothing was known of the Society of Cirencester, and that no claim had been made for the benefit bequeathed to them under the will, consequently the parish of Battersea, and the parish of St. Mary Colechurch, held the estate as their joint property.*

By a decree of the Court of Chancery, made 18th December, 1837, power was granted to the trustees to apprentice poor girls if poor boys could not be found and in case neither could be found, then the annual rents and interest, and dividend of the stock invested, to be distributed among poor persons of the said parishes, etc.†

Jackson's Charity.

From the minutes of vestry, under date 25th July, A.D. 1718, it appears that Samuel Jackson, pewterer, late of the parish, by will, gave 30*l.* to the parish to be laid out for the payment of 20*s.* to the poor of the parish on 22nd February yearly for ever.

It being found difficult to obtain a purchase of 20*s.* only, in lands or tenements pursuant to the will, it was agreed by the parish to add to the same the 50*l.* bequeathed by Richard Clarke, and 15*l.* to be received for a fine, and purchase therewith 100*l.* Orphan Stock. This being done, a declaration of trust was executed by which 20*s.* of the

* Charity Commissioners' Reports, Vol. VIII., p. 267.

† Table of benefactions in vestry room.

yearly interest was given to the poor, as directed by the will of the said Samuel Jackson, 40s. per annum was paid on account of Clarke's charity, and the residue of the interest was directed to be distributed among the poor of the parish as deemed most convenient.*

Herne's Bequest.

From an entry in the vestry minutes,† 19th December 1746, it appears that a sum of 50*l.* bequeathed by John Herne for the use of the poor of the parish (which had not long before been received), was ordered to be invested in New South Sea Annuities.

Towse's Charity.

From a memorandum in the churchwardens' accounts,‡ dated 3rd April, A.D. 1646, it appears that 50*l.* was received on that day of Mrs. Mary Towse, the same being the amount of a legacy bequeathed by her late husband, John Towse, Alderman, towards the payment of the arrears for repairing the church.

In addition to the preceding charities, in Maitland's History of London,§ mention is made of the gift, under date A.D. 1726, of 100*l.* by Jane Bennet, but probably this is an error, as I do not find any entry respecting it in the parish records.

* Charity Commissioners' Report, Vol. VIII., p. 267.

† Preserved in the Guildhall Library.

‡ *Ibid.*

§ Vol. II., B. 3, p. 1138.

It also appears from a memorandum in the churchwardens' accounts, 29th February, A.D. 1768, that the parish then possessed 50*l.* in South Sea Annuities being the legacy of Umes.



View of houses at Twickenham as they existed A.D. 1714.

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